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## The Morning Star.

### OUTLINES.

The report that Prince Bismarck died yesterday, is denied by telegram frem Hamburg. ——The sixtieth anniversary of the Pope's celebration of Mass was observed at the Vatican yesterday. ——Mr. Van Wyck inaugurated Mayor of Greater New York, the second city of the world in point of population. ——Hon. W. J. Bryan and wife were present at a reception given in their honor in Austin, Texas. ——The warships of Great Britain in position off the port of Seoul will remain there for the present; but it is not regarded that British interests are threatened; there is talk of a China-Japanese alliance against European Powers. ——Germany proposes to make extensive improvements at Kiao Chou, China, in the Spring and materially strengthen the forts; it is not believed that any of the Powers will interfere with the plans; France, it is said will soon force China to grant her further concessions on her Southern frontier. ——Wild scenes of debauchery welcomed the New Year in London; police were unable to cope with the mobs on the streets. ——France and England have reached an agreement on the subject of West Africa. ——The result of caucuses held last night by members of the Ohio Legislature indicate that Mark Hanna will be short four votes on the joint ballot for United States Senator. ——Michael won the bicycle race by 18 laps from Taylore in the Madison Square Garden last night. ——British steamer Corinthia which sailed from Wilmington, December 4th, for Ghent, reported disabled on the voyage. ——The Red Cross Society has opened headquarters in New York to receive contributions for the suffering Cubans. The story of the dispossession of a party of Americans from Clipperton island by a Mexican warship has as yet no official confirmation. ——The court martial of Capt. Carter, United States engineer at Savannah, Ga., has been postponed to January 15th. ——The estate left by Princess Hohenlohe to her husband is valued at $125,000,000. ——Mabry, agent of the Southern Express Company at Brunswick, Ga., who embezzled more than 815,000 and escaped, was captured four miles out of Savannah; the money was found in his possession. ——Operatives in Fall River mills voted to accept the reduction of wages. ——Operatives in Manchester, N. H., cotton mills will accept the ten per cent. reduction in wages and there will be no strike. ——Blanco has raised the embargo upon the exportation of tobacco from Cuba. ——Large quantities of cotton are awaiting shipment at San Francisco for China and Japan.

**The Weather.**

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.

Meteorological data for yesterday:

Temperature: 8 a. m., 30 deg.; 8 p. m., 32 deg.; maximum, 38 deg.; minimum, 30 deg.; mean, 54 deg.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, .00.

LOCAL FORECAST.

Forecast for Sunday, fair, northwesterly winds.

The gamblers at Monte Carlo raked in $7,500,00 the past season, and then their grave yard received a number of new occupants.

Last Monday 375 applications for patents were received at the Patent office in Washington, but among them there was not a single device to boost "prosperity."

Possibly human beings might get along very well without stomachs, but nature will doubtless go on putting in all the same, from force of habit if nothing else.

It is pretty cool in Alaska but it seems to be warming up in the basement of Arizona, and the water is getting hot in the wells. If Sam Jones was out there he might make something out of this.

Mrs. O'Leary's cow achieved fame by kicking over the lamp (so the legend goes) which started the big fire in Chicago, and now Mr. Murphy's dog comes in for his share by setting fire to the Collisseum.

Two Boston men are going to walk across the Atlantic next Summer. They did well to postpone their departure, for promenading is much pleasanter on the Atlantic in the Summer than in the Winter.

Sixty thousand people commit suicide in Europe every year, and a good many come to this country to do it. The average man over there can't be blamed much for getting out of it by suicide if he can't get out any other way.

The Historical Society of New Jersey is in receipt of a purse made from the skin of a man who was hanged in 1833, which purse was carried for a long time by the donor. That Historical Society will take almost everything that comes along.

The Chinese minister at Washington wants to know why, if the European Governments must have something to carve up, they don't carve Turkey. Perhaps it is because Turkey would offer more serious objections to being carved than poor old China does.

Two well-dressed men were ejected from a New York theatre the other night because they laughed at the wrong time, and they were "well-dressed" men, too. Well, if the management of that theatre objects to people laughing at the wrong places, they should appoint some one to announce where the laugh comes in, so that the unsophisticated may avoid making mistakes.

A German telegrapher claims to have invented a device by which a man in one city may send a dispatch to another in a distant city and get it in typewritten form without the aid of an operator at the receiving end of the line. The wires do the typewriting. It is said to have been satisfactorily tested.

An Arkansas negro, who has for twenty years been drawing a pension in the name of another "Union saver" whom he personated, has been rewarded for his cuteness by being put on the pension roll in his own name. He will probably be satisfied with this and drop the other pension.

That New York preacher who felt insulted and sent back a fifty-dollar check contributed as a Christmas gift to his church by Tammany, showed more boorishness than sense. If the check had been sent by Boss Platt, it would probably have been accepted with thanks.

It has been discovered that there has been a large amount of hocuspocusing in the divorce business in Oklahoma, a great many people who have been divorced leaving there, for the three months required by law, by proxy and not in person.

John Bull declines to join the United States and Russia in prohibiting pelagic seal catching. As Americans are prohibited, this gives the Canadians full sweep and, of course, they will profit by it. If Yanks catch seals they will have to fly the British flag.

An Ohio man refused a pardon from the penitentiary because he had more acquaintances there than outside and felt more at home. It is mighty hard to get an Ohio man to let go when he thinks he has a good thing,

An Austrian paper wants the European Governments to combine against the United States and Japan, but the aforesaid governments are at present too much engaged in the real estate business in China to pay much attention to this Austrian editor.

Representative Dovener, of West Virginia, is a candid sort of a chap and insists that if the civil service isn't knocked out there will be no chance for poor men to get to Congress, for they won't have any offices to give fellows to help elect them.

Speaking of China, Napoleon in his retirement on St. Helena, warned Europe to let "tbat sleeping giant slumber." They have let him slumber, and now it looks as if they were going to cut him up before he wakes.

Some men are naturally perverse. A Philadelphia lawyer has just died at the age of 96, whom the doctors gave up fifty years ago as a hopeless victim of consumption. He just lived on to spite 'em as it were.

### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

F. T. Mills—Notice.
R. R. Bellamy & Co.
J. A. Springer—Coal.
E. VanLaer—Pianos.
Notice—Schedule B tax.
D. O'Oonnor—For rent.
Myers & Lewis—Novelties.
D. O'Connor—Houses for rent.
C. W. Polvogt Co.—Dry goods.
King Grocery Co.—Start Right.
W. B. Cooper—Fresh groceries.
J. J. Shepard—Carpets must go.
D. O'Connor—Real estate agent.
Vollers & Hashagen—Provisions.
J. D. Nutt—You can grow bulbs.
W. E. Worth & Co.—Shining beacon.
S. W. Sanders—White House coffee.
Opera House—"A Hot Reception."
J. W. Murchison—Hagey King Heater.
National Bank of Wilmington—Correspondence solicited.

**Deaths and Births Last Week.**

The records in the office of Dr. W. D. McMillan, superintendent of health, show that during the past week there were three deaths, two whites and one colored, and seven births, one white and six colored. Deaths during the past week were caused by the following diseases, viz: Suicide, 1; inanition, 1; prostatic enlargement, 1.

**To City Subscribers.**

City subscribers are earnestly requested to report promptly at the STAR office every failure of the carriers to deliver their papers. In all such cases steps will be taken to insure prompt and regular delivery.

— Rev. O. L. Stringfield, field agent of the Baptist Female University, arrived in the city yesterday to spend several days in the interest of the institution that he represents. He will preach at Brooklyn Baptist church at 7.30 o'clock to-night.

## LOCAL DOTS.

— The Board of Audit and Finance will meet in regular session Tuesday afternoon.

— The STAR was the recipient of very many compliments yesterday on its hand-some appearance.

— The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Aldermen takes place to-morrow night at 8 o'clock.

— Burglars entered Mr. M. Cronly's pantry Friday and got away with a turkey and some other provisions.

— The Standard Oil Co. will erect an oil tank at Maxton and make that town one of its distributing points.

— Every member of the First Baptist church is earnestly requested to be present at the morning service to-day.

— The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Managers of the Produce Exchange will be held at noon Tuesday, January 4th.

— The week of prayer for a revival at home and the conversion of the world began at Immanuel Presbyterian church last night.

— One of the plate glass windows in the front of Mr. J. W. Murchison's harsware store was broken yesterday by a ladder falling against it.

— Dr. E. Porter, who was a visitor here a day or two since, reminded us that he had been a subscriber to the DAILY STAR continuously for twenty-nine years.

— Mr. Wm. R. Terry, who resided here a short time, and published the *Spirit of the South*, fell on a side-walk in Charlotte a few days since, breaking his arm.

— Messrs. W. E. Worth & Co., ice manufacturers, had on exhibition on several corners yesterday blocks of fine crystal ice showing in the interior the firm's name in large type.

— Rev. F. L. Egbert, of Springfield, Mass., will preach morning and evening at St. Paul's Episcopal church to-day. He will administer the communion at the morning service.

— Mr. W. A. Bonitz, clerk at the Bonitz Hotel, is an expert with the pen. Witness the very pretty design for New Year's greeting that ornamented the Bonitz register yesterday.

— At the annual conference of the Second Advent church, held Friday night, Rev. J. P. King was re-elected pastor, Mr. G. H. James secretary and Mr. Preston Cumming treasurer.

— W. F. Melton was before Justice G. W. Bornemann yesterday to answer to the charge of disorderly conduct. He submitted and paid the costs, whereupon judgment was suspended.

— Mr. J. W. Murchison, the well known hardware dealer, has a big ad. this morning, giving the merits of the famous "Hagey" heater. He has just received a large invoice of these excellent stoves.

— The New Hanover fruit growers are getting ready for a big crop of strawberries—the acreage will be considerably larger than it was last year. At present, however, there is some delay, owing to the necessity of waiting for the land to dry out.

— The passenger department of the Seaboard Air Line has issued a calendar for 1898 that is both ornamental and useful. It has not transpired whether Anderson or Glover was the designer of the illustration which catches the eye of the connoisseur; but, whoever it was, he understands his business.

### RHODES' MERRYMAKERS.

**Will Open a Week's Engagement To-Morrow Night.**

The highly commended Frank B. Rhodes' Merrymakers Co. will open a week's engagement at the Opera House to-morrow night. The *Register*, of Columbia, S. C., under date of Dec. 22nd, has the following to say of the company:

The "Merrymakers" gave their second entertainment at the opera house and it was a first-class performance in every respect. This troupe is about the best popular price organization that has been in Columbia in a long time, and those who miss the nightly entertaiments are foregoing much enjoyment.

**Explanations in Order.**

The STAR regrets very much the delay in delivery to city subscribers yesterday; and we feel sure that the mere mention of the fact that it was caused by the change from old to new type will be considered a sufficient explanation.

The type that we are now using for headings for our Local and Telegraph departments is not that we had intended to use. We had selected and ordered type for that purpose which is much handsomer, but it has not yet reached us, owing to delay in transportation caused by a mistake of the manufacturers in shipping by freight instead of by express.

**New Year's Day.**

It was a cold New Year's, and consequently the day was marked by very little excitement. There were several masquerading parties, but their enthusiasm could not but be somewhat chilled by the scvere weather. The Seacoast special train took a number of people to the Sound, and there were several wagonette parties to the same place.

The banks, custom house, Produce Exchange and the postoffice were closed. The business houses, or most of them, kept open. And the holiday generally was not very strictly observed.

## THE PRODUCE EXCHANGE.

**Secretary Cantwell's Compilation of the Business of the Port for the Year 1897.**

Yesterday was a holiday with a good many people, but not with the secretary of the Produce Exchange, Col. John L. Cantwell, who was busy compiling his annual report of the business of the port for the year 1897. The report, which is an interesting one inasmuch as it shows the comparison between the exports and receipts of the year 1897 and those of 1896, is printed in the commercial columns. The totals will not be found to vary materially except in the receipts and exports of cotton, which in 4897 were largely in excess of those in 1896.

In giving these figures the STAR takes the opportunity of calling the attention of its city readers to the great service which institutions like the Produce Exchange can do for the city. The statistics that the Exchange makes available are invaluable to business men, and can often be used in advancing the interests of our city. More nearly complete records are kept there than any where else, and they are always reliable. The present secretary has held his place since 1876, and has so well learned the routine that he can give desired information on any point at any moment, and he alway does so cheerfully. Be sides his regular prescribed work he keeps private records that are interesting always and sometimes may be very useful. May the year be one of growth, both in membership and usefulness, for the Exchange.

## MAGISTRATES' COURTS.

**A Stolen Bicycle—The Alleged Thief Held for Trial at the Criminal Court.**

George Williams, colored, was arraigned in Justice McGowan's court yesterday charged with stealing a bicycle from the establishment of Mr. W. B. Morrison, and was committed to jail in default of $100 bond for his appearance at the next term of the Criminal Court.

On the 26th day of December last Williams rented a bicycle from Mr. Morrison's establishment, and failed to return it. Upon a search being made the bicycle was found in possession of Tom Wilson, colored, who stated that he had bought the wheel from Williams for a quart of wine, the sale taking place about thirteen miles from the city. Wilson was arrested and held in custody, until Williams was arrested near Rocky Point.

Justice Bunting disposed of two cases yesterday.

Joe Wallace, colored, charged with resisting an officer in the discharge of his duty, was adjudged not guilty.

Caleb Herring, colored, was arraigned, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, but pleaded a former conviction in Justice Bornemann's court and the case was dismissed.

**A Juvenile German.**

A small but merry german was given last night at Hibernian Hall by the younger boys. The german was led by Mr. George Taylor, and the music was furnished by the Wilson and Hall band. The couples participating were Miss Rena Johnson and Harry Smallbones; Miss Ida Brown and George Catlett; Miss Bessie Gore and Willie Watters; Miss Beth Daggett and Will Bellamy; Miss Nora Angel and Harry West; Miss Blanche Chadbourn and Joseph Armstrong; Miss Louise Bellamy and Eugene Wiggins; Miss Nannie Watters and Joe Watters, Chauncey Southerland, stag.

**The City Markets.**

The city markets were not at all over-stocked yesterday. The dull season that usually follows the holidays was the cause. Some of the different articles which could be had were: Eggs, 18c per dozen; chickens, 30 to 60c per pair; chickens, dressed, 60 to 75c per pair; collards, 5c per head; cabbage, 5c per head; partridges, 12½c each; sweet potatoes, 15c per peck; Irish potatoes, 35c per peck; oysters, Myrtle Grove and Stump Sound, $1.00 per gallon; venison, 15c per pound; beef, 5 to 12½c per pound; sausage and fresh pork, 10c per pound; veal, 12½c per pound; mutton, 10 to 12½c per pound; celery, 20 to 25c per bunch; brains, 10c per pound; liver, 10c per pound; tongues, 20c each.

**Serious Cutting Affair.**

Deputy Sheriff Fonville, colored, early yesterday morning arrested Boston Spellman, colored, in Cape Fear township, and placed his prisoner in jail to await trial to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock in Justice Bunting's Court. Spellman was arrested for engaging in an altercation with James Kelly, also colored, at Wrightsboro, on the afternoon of the 12th ultimo, and stabbing Kelly in the neck with a knife, which wound came near terminating in death.

**Justice Fowler's Decision in the McDuffie Stabbing Case.**

Justice Fowler yesterday morning at 10 o'clock rendered his decision in the case tried Friday afternoon against Messrs. Robert Johnson, Oscar Herring and Mack Johnson, charged with being implicated in the stabbing of expoliceman J. N. McDuffie, colored. The defendants Henry and Mark Johnson were adjudged not guilty and discharged, but the defendant Robert Johnson was adjudged guilty of disorderly conduct, and judgment in his case was suspended upon payment of costs.

— Mr. Samuel Wood returned yesterday from a visit to relatives at Forest City.

## FOOTBALL PLAYERS.

**Juvenils Teams—Orioles and Chesnut Streeters—Game Won by Orioles.**

The last of a series of foot ball games between the juvenile teams, the Orioles and Chesnut Streeters, was played yesterday afternoon at the O. A. N. park yesterday afternoon. The teams lined up as follows:

| Orioles. | Positions. | Chesnut Streeters. |
|---|---|---|
| Branch | c. | Gibbons. |
| Grant | r. g. | Moore, W. |
| Lamb | l. g. | Dudley. |
| Stevenson | r. t. | Huhn |
| Gordon | l. t. | Cantwell. |
| Bridgers | r. e. | Montgomery. |
| Gause | l. e. | Davis, L |
| Parsley (C) | q. b. | Davis, P. |
| Foster | r. h. b. | Riley. |
| Smallbones | l. h. b. | Carpenter (C.) |
| Moore, E. | f. b. | Cumming. |

Both teams played a good game, but superior line work on the part of the Orioles rolled up in their favor a score of 18 to 0, the touch downs being made by Moore, Gause and Foster. Smallbones kicked goals successfully. The Chesnut Streeters, though defeated, may well be proud of the work performed by their backs.

### DIED VERY SUDDENLY.

**Mr. George F. Love, a Well Known Citizen of Wilmington.**

Mr. George F. Love died very suddenly yesterday about 12:00 o'clock at his residence No. 121 South Eighth street. He had been out to cut some wood, and on coming back complained to his wife that his head pained him. In a few minutes he was dead.

Mr. Love is well known in Wilmington. For a long time he had been in the employment of Mr. H. L. Fennell, and he had also been employed as travelling salesman. He is survived by his wife and two small children, three brothers, Dr. W. J. Love, Mr. R. S. Love and Mr. John Love, and three sisters, Miss Maria Love and Mrs. T. D. Love, of this city, and Miss Elizabeth Love, of Asheville.

### SUNDAY SERVICES.

St. Matthew's English Lutheran church, Fourth street, above Bladen, Rev. G. D. Bernheim, pastor. Morning service at 11 o'clock; evening service at 7.30 o'clock. Sunday school at 9.30 a. m. All seats free and every person cordially invited.

Services in St. Jonh's church today, second Sunday after Christmas, by the rector. Litany and Holy Communion at 11 a. m. Sunday school at 3.30 p. m. and Evening Prayer at 4.30.

COLORED CHURCHES.

Central Baptist church, corner Seventh and Red Cross streets: Preaching to-day by the pastor at 10.30 a. m.; 7.30 p. m.; baptising at 12 o'clock. Sunday school at 12.30 p. m. Rev. J. Allen Kirk, D. D.

There will be preaching at Ebenezer Baptist church to-day at 11 a. m. The anniversary sermon of the United Sons of Pilgrims will be preached at 3 o'clock p. m. by Rev. Raglan. Services at 7.30 p. m.

### ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

**Officers Elected By Hanover Lodge No. 145.**

At a regular meeting of Hanover Lodge No. 145, I. O. O. F., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

P. G.—H. E. Bonitz.
N. G.—J. O. Wiggs.
V. G.—McL. Bell.
R. S.—G. S. Hall.
F. S.—C. B. Allen.
Treasurer—W. H. Howell.
General Relief Committee—H. E. Bonitz.

These officers and the appointive ones will be installed next Friday night.

**Emancipation Celebration.**

The colored people celebrated the anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation yesterday. At 12.15 p. m. the procession formed at the City Hall, marched down Third street to Market, up Market to Seventh, and up Seventh street to Central Baptist church, corner of Red Cross and Seventh streets, where a programme of music, prayer and addresses was observed. The Committee on Programme was composed as follows: E. M. Green, John T. Howe, Salem J. Bell, Wm. Aug. Moore (chairman), David Jacobs (secretary). R. W. Richardson was musical director and Capt. Valentine Howe was master of ceremonies.

**Tug Henry Christian.**

The Navassa tug *Henry Christian* has a new whistle that provoked no little comment yesterday. Many people thought that the *Vamoose* was in port. The *Christian* has been undergoing repairs at Navassa. She has a new pilot house, new cabins and railings—in fact has been made as good as new. Yesterday she was taken to Skinner's shipyard to have her bottom cleaned.

**Hunting Coons on Bald Head Island.**

New Year's day was spent by a number of good people on Bald Head Island hunting raccoons. Those in the party were Messrs. J. A. Orrell, Lonnie Southerland, Rep. Merritt, B. C. Moore. G. W. Branch, Jerry Hand and others. Coons were found in great plenty and of the fattest kind. There was an effort to get ducks also, but these were too wild. The day was greatly enjoyed.

### NOTICE.

Messrs. F. D. Lawrence and Robert Johnson are fully authorized to canvass Wilmington for new subscribers to THE DAILY STAR and to receipt for three months' subscriptions in advance.

WM. H. BERNARD.

— Henry Gilliam, Esq., of Wilson, and Messrs. R. E. Follin, R. S. Busbee and I. F. Harriss, of the University Dramatic Club, will leave this morning. The other members will remain over until to-morrow.

## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Col. H. M. Drane, of Armour, arrived in the city yesterday.

— Mr. Arthur White, of Mebane, was registered at the Orton yesterday.

— Mr. A. B. Williams, of Fayetteville, was among yesterday's arrivals in the city.

— Mr. Harry L. Rew, of the Wilmington Business School, returned from a visit to Norfolk.

— Solicitor M. C. Richardson, of Clinton, arrived in the city yesterday and will report for duty at the Criminal Court to-morrow.

— Miss Emmie Witsell, of Charleston, who has been visiting Miss Louise Corbett, returned home yesterday afternoon.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bowden and Miss Mamie Brinkley, of Portsmouth, who came to spend New Year's, will leave in return to-day.

— Mr. P. Heinsberger returned yesterday from Belle Haven, Virginia, where he spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Wallace.

— Miss Claude Grainger and Miss Emma Lee Grainger, of Earlington, Ky., have arrived in the city and are the guests of Mrs. N. G. Webb, on Dock street.

— Among the visitors to the city yesterday was Mr. E. J. Lilly, of Fayetteville. Ed. still wears the melancholy face which made him so familiar when he was a citizen of Wilmington.

— Mr. Henry Moore takes the place of delivery clerk at the C. F. & Y. V. freight depot to succeed Mr. W. H. Smith, who has held the place quite acceptably for about a year and a half.

## ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

**One of the Greatest Solvent Corporations of the World—Its Latest Acquisition.**

The Augusta *Chronicle* has the following concerning the Atlantic Coast Line and its recent purchase:

"We congratulate our friends of the Atlantic Coast Line upon their acquisition of the Charleston and Western Carolina Railway system. Nothing could have been more valuable to both companies. The Coast Line is one of the great solvent corporations of the world. It is not a speculative clique, but a legitimate business association. Its stock is not for sale on any Wall Street exchange. It is a dividend-paying system and managed for the common benefit of its owners and the public. Like the Pennsylvania company, it seeks perfection in all of its operations. It must have the best of tracks, cars, locomotives and general service. It has abundant capital and unlimited credit. The Charleston and Western Carolina is a phenomenal property tapping the finest agricultural and industrial portions of this part of the Southern country. Incorporated with the Coast Line it will grow magnificently and become more and more one of the most important factors in the prosperity of Augusta.

The Coast Line managers keep their own counsel, and move, when they are ready, without any band-wagon announcements. They make deliberate progress, from time to time extending their system and strengthening it. We do not know what the next enterprise will be, but we conjecture that it will involve the construction of a line extending from Denmark to Allendale, connecting with their Port Royal branch, thus reaching Augusta over their own line without building a new bridge, as would necessarily happen if they pushed from Denmark to this city on parallel lines with the South Carolina and Georgia. Entrance to Augusta might be accomplished by a line built from Denmark to Graniteville, and then over the Southern track inot this city. But this is all surmise. We may be certain that Mr. Walters and Mr. Newcomer will, in their own time, make the Coast Line independont of all other systems in reaching Augusta or any other desirable terminus. We await further developments, with confidence and patience.

### OLD LADIES' HOME.

**Contributions Received by the Ladies' Benevolent Society.**

The Ladies' Benevolent Society earnestly thanks the following friends for contributions to the Home during the past month: Mrs. Bridgers, eight pounds coffee; Mrs. Herbert Wilder, several packages; Miss Louise Harlowe, Mrs. Carmichael, Mrs. Oscar Philyaw, six packages; Dr. Bulluck, three hams and $3.00; Mrs. Lynch, Mrs. Mahn, Mrs. R. J. Bunting, five packages; Mrs. Maggie Hankins, Mrs. E. Peschau, Mrs. J. L. Cantwell, Mrs. George Bates, Mrs. Pickett, packages; Holmes & Watters, one dozen cans corn; Mrs. J. L. Croom, apples and wine; Mrs. Charles King, cakes and fruits; Mrs. C. W. Yates, a handsome cake; Mrs. Philyaw, larke cake; from Masonic supper, sandwiches and crackers; Mrs. Roger Moore, Mr. J. Hicks Bunting, generous supply of medicines; Miss Puss Hancock, medicine several times; Mr. Yopp, Mr. Berry Gleaves, Mr. Herbert Holden; Mr. Josh James, the *Review*; Mr. Garrell and Mr. Wm. Hayes, Jr., beef weekly; Mr. W. H. Sprunt, $10.00.

Next Tuesday is the regular visiting day, when we hope to welcome all who are disposed to visit the Home, and urge all who have never been to start with the new year and take an interest in the inmates of this Home, not one of which is able to make a living outside of this refuge.

### CHEAPER TYPEWRITERS.

**A General Cut of Fifty Per Cent. Expected.**

A Chicago dispatch says: "It looks as though the $100 typewriter would soon be practically a thing of the past. Nearly all the leading manufacturers are in a combine, but the sales have been cut into to an alarming extent by outside makers.

"A representative of the combine here is authority for the statement that a general cut of 50 per cent. will be made before another year is ended. He thought such action would practically cut off competition, and admitted that $50 would be a fair price for a first class machine."

## PANDO FORCED TO HALT.

**His Campaign Against the Cuban Insurgents Abruptly Stopped for Lack of Supplies.**

HAVANA, December 31.—General Pando's campaign has been brought to an abrupt halt, owing to the impossibility of continuing an aggressive movement in default of the receipt of supplies and munitions repeatedly demanded from the government.

The General and his staff have left the scene of operations, on the Canto river, for Santiago City, where, it is said, they intend to take ship and return to Havana to impress upon General Blanco the futility of making an impression on the rebel stronghold in the east until the Spanish forces are reinforced and supplied with essentials to carry on a campaign.

General Pando found the Spanish troops in a deplorable condition. Many were sick, food was short and the men were in a condition of general demoralization. In spite of this he made a brave effort to carry out offensive operations, but failed completely. By heroic efforts two gunboats forced a passage up the River Cauto, but the object of the expedition—to relieve the isolated island garrisons—was frustrated on account of the activity of numerous rebel bands and difficulty of operating in the country districts.

It is rumored that Col. Cepero, a rebel leader, with fifteen hundred men, has crossed from Matanzas province into Havana province.

— Mrs. Herbert Lutterloh, of Fayetteville, is in the city visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McRee.

### MARRIED.

COWAN-HORTON—In this city, on the evening of the 29th of December, 1897, by the Rev. W. B. Oliver, S. PERCY COWAN and SADIE D. HORTON. No cards.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

**Holiday Presents**

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## SOUTHERN MONEY DID IT.

It is a common thing with the Republican organs in the North to remind the South that if Northern capital is desired in this section we must get more in accord with Republican policies and show less disposition to kick against them. And even some of the so-called Democratic gold organs are indulging more or less in the same kind of talk as far as it applies to the money question. They both assume that Northern capital is absolutely necessary to Southern progress and development and that without it the wheels of enterprise and industry would cease to revolve. Perhaps some of them really think so, for they do not seem to be aware of the fact that as great as Southern development and industrial progress have been, especially within the past two decades it is the result mainly of Southern effort and of Southern money. They think it strange, perhaps, that in a section which had given its attention so largely to agriculture, that a manufacturing spirit and talent should so soon be developed, and perhaps they think it strange, too, that in a section where the facilities for procuring money through banks are so limited, so much capital could be commanded to put into manufacturing enterprises, but till Southern men have shown their ability to successfully manage manufactures and that, too, without Northern instruction, and they have shown the ability to command a good deal of money to put into them.

In a recent communication of Mr. W. W. Watt, of Charlotte, published in the *Observer*, he showed what a small figure Northern capital invested in Southern enterprises cuts compared with the Southern money invested, and he took much care to secure the facts and figures. He did this for the commendable purpose of showing the people who believe that the South is entirely dependent upon the North for capital to build up industries that they are mistaken.

In North Carolina 90 per cent. of home capital is employed to 10 per cent. of Northern capital; in South Carolina, 80 per cent. of home capital to 20 of Northern capital; in Georgia, 85 of home money to 15 of Northern, and in Alabama, 75 of Southern to 25 of Northern. He gave special attention to the cotton manufacturing States, for in these the greatest manufacturing progres has been made, but says the per centage in other States which apparently have not so much attracted outside attention the per centage in favor of home capital is still more favorable.

According to him the cotton manufacturing industry in the South represents $80,000,000, only 12 per cent. of which has been invested by Northern capitalists, and most of this has been in conjunction with Southern capital, and has been under the management of Southern men, and he says the money thus invested and thus managed has brought more satisfactory results than the money separately invested and managed by Northern agents.

This will be interesting information to the Northern organs which have an idea, or at least talk as if the South was utterly dependent upon Northern help to build mills, turn their wheels, open mines and smelt iron, &c., and perhaps it may be agreeable news to a good many Southern people who had little idea that their own section had done so well.

But this suggests another line of thought. If the South with her limited capital and inadequate means for procuring and distributing money has done so well what might she not have done if money were as readily supplied as it is some sections of the country. We have millions of assets compared to thousands of money within reach, and if these assets could be made available in supplying the money needed there would be no occasion to go from home to borrow or to look to the banks of other sections to supply the currency to tide over emergencies. The South wants State banks; it needs them; they are the only kind of banks that will fully meet the requirements of this section. Their opponents in the sections where banks are numerous enough and money more than abundant enough talk about "wild cat" currency, about unsafe banks and all that kind of thing, but what is it their business if the people who want these banks and desire the kind of notes they would issue, are satisfied with them and willing to take the chances? If any one lost by them it would not be the people in the States which have all the banks they want and all the money they need. Why, then, should they persist in opposing letting the Southern people have such a banking system as their judgment will approve? The currency of the banks they would establish, if the obstacles to their establishment were removed, would build mills, buy machinery, pay for labor, pay for cotton, or any other material used, and would perform every office that a coined dollar, a National bank note, a Government note would at home, and that is all that would be expected of it. It would answer the home purposes and that is all it would be needed for, simply a home money, to perform the offices of money at home, and stay at home, or come back soon if it went away.

If we had such a banking system to supply the currency, for which there would be demand in the South, the industrial progress of the past on manufacturing lines wouldn't bear comparison with the progress that would be witnessed not in the cotton industry only, but in iron, and in other industries which have as yet made little or no showing in this section of the country. Inside of a decade there would be hundreds of millions invested in varied industries. With all our great resources, and with all that has been accomplished, the South is still handicapped for the need of the money she could use and could supply herself with if the shackles were taken off.

## MINOR MENTION.

It seems that the cut in the wages of the New England mill operatives is to be general, and the indications are not merely temporary, for the competition of the Southern mills, which they say has forced the reduction of wages will prevent an increase hereafter. Instead of Southern competition being less it will become greater and more formidable, and if the New England mill men be now assigning the true reason for the reduction in wages they will be compelled to make still further reductions. But the probabilities are that the difference in wages North and South is a mere pretence for doing what they had determined to do and for the doing of which they must have some excuse. Some of these mills which have been reducing the wages of their operatives are declaring dividends to stockholders not as large as in some previous years, but still large enough to show that they have not been running at a loss. Another pretence that they were overstocked is exploded by the refusal to reduce the output by working shorter time, and the decision to work full time thus increasing the output at reduced cost. If they had more goods on hand than there was a market, for why should they keep adding to the stock on hand? Reducing the stock would have been an effective way to increase prices without reducing wages, but the fact is they had decided to reduce wages permanently, to make a beginning now and trumped up such pictures as they could to justify it. This is indicated by the remark of Col. Goddard, one of the manufacturers, that "the working man lives cheaper to-day than ever before." Because he lives cheaper therefore his wages should be cut down. All this is in the face, too, of increased tariff duties, ostensibly imposed to "protect the American laborer" from the competition of foreign "pauper labor." The working men are probably learning something by experience, but whether they will profit by it or not, is another question.

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Since 1887, when the highest maximum of railroad construction in this country was reached, there has been a steady decrease until the figures of new mileage have fallen to less than two thousand miles. The new construction in 1897 was 1,864 miles, a small increase over the two preceding years. The total mileage in the country is now 184,464 miles. The greatest amount of new mileage was in California, which reports 210 miles on nine roads. Louisiana comes next with 145 miles; Michigan with 133 miles; Georgia with 119; Pennsylvania with 116, Wisconsin with 115, Alabama with 111, Arkansas with 109, and Texas with 103. The others with new mileage are under 100, Illinois having 92 and Mississippi 90. There was more or less mileage laid in thirty-eight of the forty-nine States and Territories, but there were eleven in which no new mileage was laid and some in which the amount was so insignificant as to be scarcely worth reporting. The following table shows the mileage for the different years from 1887:

| Year. | Miles |
|---|---|
| 1887 | 12,984 |
| 1888 | 7,106 |
| 1889 | 5,230 |
| 1890 | 5,670 |
| 1891 | 4,281 |
| 1892 | 1,192 |
| 1893 | 2,635 |
| 1894 | 1,940 |
| 1895 | 1,803 |
| 1896 | 1,848 |
| 1897 | 1,864 |

It is somewhat significant that nearly one-half the new mileage was in the South, and we havn't the slighest doubt that there will be an equally good if not a better showing by the South at the end of this year and for some years to come,

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Senator "Rocky Mount" Butler declines saying much on the question of a future Rep.-Rep. combine which he calls "co-operation" and perhaps he shows sagacity in doing so; but he also shows amazing cheek when he says that if there is to be any co-operation it will be on the line of "principle"—Jeffersonian Democracy—as exemplified in the scramble for office that was witnessed after the combine got control of matters at Raleigh. If Senator Butler can point out one instance in which Jeffersonian Democracy has been advanced by the combine with the other spoils grabbers we will doff our hat to him and acknowledge that he is a great deal cuter than we think he is. Marion and Governor Russell are sleeping under the same blanket now, but the Governor is a much larger man than Marion and takes most of the blanket. The "co-operation" that is to be will depend altogether on the ability of this pair to manage their respective sides and the question of "principle," especially of "Jeffersonian Democracy," will have as little to do with it as this Winter's crop of ice will.

## CURRENT COMMENT.

—— The New England laborers in cotton may wonder how it is that the mills declare dividends for the owners and at the same time cut the wages of employes 11 per cent.—*Louisville Dispatch, Dem.*

—— President McKinley has been in politics long enough to know that practical statesmen do not declare war on an administration as long as it carries a reserve in the commissary department.—*Washington Post, Ind.*

—— The demand for a general revision of pension business, with a view to eliminating fraud, is growing with surprising vigor. Congress will have to take cognizance of it when it reassembles, and if the spoilsmen are wise they will cease their protests against a movement which has grown more formidable for them the more they resist it. It has not yet amounted to a popular demand for a close scrutiny and through purging of the lists, but doubtless that will come soon.—*Philadelphia Ledger, Ind.*

—— There are nearly 1,000,000 names on the pension rolls, yet when even one, solitary pensioner voluntarily gives his gratuity from the government it is regarded as a matter of so so much wonder that items about it are printed in the newspapers from ocean to ocean and from the lakes to the Gulf. An Indiana man who had been drawing a dependent pension, having regained his health, has written to Washington that he no longer needs the government's aid and desires the pension stopped. And he is being hailed as one man among a million!—*Savannah News, Dem.*

## TWINKLINGS.

— A Poor Statement: Tramp—I wants a quarter, boss, an' I wants it bad.

McSwathers—I am sorry, but I haven't any bad quarters.—*Syracuse Herald*

— The Wiser Course—"When you go go to a new town do you criticise the people?"

"No; it takes all my time to abuse the climate."

— "We have to go away from home to hear the news."

"What's up now?"

"This Boston paper says the best selling book in Chicago is the Christmas edition of the Luetgert trial."—*Chicago News*

— The True Spririt: "Johnson gave Twigg a regular going over on Christmas Eve—called him every name he could lay his tongue to." "What did Twiggs say?" "Smiled sweetly and said, 'Thanks, same to you sir.'"—*Judge.*

— "I wonder how the English came to adopt red as a color for uniforms?" asked the boarder whose specialty is useless questions. "Perhaps twas done, said the Cheerful Idiot," in defiance of the papal bull."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

— That Was Sufficient: Jack—"That is my fiancee over there in the corner. Isn't she a beauty?" Tom—"She certainly is; but you must remember that beauty is only skin deep." Jack—"Well, what do you think I am—a cannibal."

— In the Recitation Room: College student (staggering at question)—"I don't know, sir. That isn't exactly in my line."

Tutor (sarcastically)—"What is your line, if I may ask?"

College Student (promptly)—"Rush line."—*Somerville Journal.*

— Klondyke Courtship: "Maria" called the old gentleman, from the head of the stairs, "is that young man down there yet?"

"Yes, papa," replied the truthful maiden.

"Well, if he intends to go home before morning, he had better begin to say good-night. The sun will be up in less than two weeks.—*N. Y. Evening World.*


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## SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Rockingham *Index*: Mr. T. B. Covington, merchant, assigned Wednesday morning to T. C. Guthrie. Mr. Covington has been in business in Rockingham for years, and many deplore his misfortune. His assets will amount to about $3,500.

— Charlotte *Observer:* None of the people who have been writing about Charlotte's cotton mills lately have got it down right. There are twelve mills in Charlotte, the list being as follows: Ada, yarn; Alpha, yarn; Atherson, two-ply yarn; Charlotte, hosiery; Robbins, sash cord; Summerville, webbing; Louis, convertible goods; Victor, yarn; Highland Park, ginghams; Charlotte Oil and Fertilizer Company, wadding and batting,

— Smithfild *Herald*: Deputy Collector T. Wiley Jones was here yesterday and made a raid a few miles north of here. He captured two stills in hot blast but the operatives had skipped. As usual, the affair is shrouded in mystery.——One of the most productive pecan orchards in the state is that of Mr. Thomas H. Atkinson, near Selma. We were recently favored with a quantity of pecans by Mr. Atkinson and we can attest to the excellence of the nuts.

— Raleigh *Press-Visitor:* Mr. Alonzo Williams died Thursday night at the home of his son, Mr. Louis Williams, on North Saunders street. Mr. Williams was up town during the day. He went home about five in the afternoon and complained of feeling ill. Later he grew rapidly worse until the end came. He had been suffering with a carbuncle on his neck. Mr. Williams was well known in Raleigh. He was a machinist and held a position at the S. A. L. shops here.

— Statesville *Landmark*: The *Landmark* learns that a child of a family named Gurton, living on Mr. N. J. Gaither's place, in Cool Spring township, was burned to death a few days ago. The parents were sick in bed with measles and the child's clothing caught fire and it was either burned to death or so seriously injured that it died from the effects of the burns. —— Mr. J. T. Perry, general merchant, made an assignment Wednesday morning. His son, Mr. T. G. Perry, and Mr. H. Burke are named as assignees. The homestead exemption is reserved. His stock of goods, accounts and all other personal property are covered by the assignment. Three fertilizer companies are made preferred creditors for amounts aggregating $680. There are no other preferments. The liabilities are estimated at from $3,000 to $3,500 and the nominal assets at $5,000. Practically all the creditors are non-resident.

— Lincoln *Journal:* Revenue officers spoiled Christmas for some Gaston county people. They raided in that county Thursday night and captured a moonshine plant three miles west of Dallas. Chris. Mauney was hard at work operating the plant when the Philistines swooped down upon it and captured him. The plant, consisting of a 65-gallon still, cap and worm and 1,000 gallons of beer, was destroyed. ——There is great lamentation in the Little Mountain section. Revenue officers raided that locality Tuesday morning and blasted the hopes and prospects of those who depended on sowpaw for a jolly Christmas. They found a new plant just beginning operations. Two men—P. C. Whitesides and Will Mauney—were busily loading up the still with beer when the raiders came down "like a wolf on the fold" and gathered them in. The raiders destroyed the entire plant, witn 600 gallons of beer, and brought the men on here and jailed them.

### Teutonic France.

The northern third of France and half of Belgium are today more Teutonic than the south of Germany. This is clearly attested by the maps which show the distribution of each of the physical characteristics of race. It should not occasion surprise when we remember the incessant downpour of Teutonic tribes during the whole historic period. It was a constant procession of Goths—from all points of the compass—of Franks, Burgundians, and others. France was entirely overrun by the Franks, with the exception of Brittany, by the middle of the sixth century. All through the middle ages this part of Europe was not only ethnically Teutonic—it was German in language and customs as well. The very name of the country is Teutonic. It has the same origin as Franconia in southern Germany. In 813 the council of Tours, away down south, ordained that every bishop should preach both in the Romance and the Teutonic languages. The Franks preserved their German speech 400 years after the conquest. Charlemagne was a German. His courtiers were all Germans. He lived and governed from outside the limits of modern France. The Abbe Sieyes uttered an ethnological truism when, in the course of the French revolution, he cried out against the French aristocracy, "Let us send them back to their German marshes whence they came!"

The movement of population racially has been strongly influenced by the geography of the country. Were it not for the peculiar conformation of this part of Europe there would be no geographical excuse for the existence of Belgium as a separate political entity, as we have said, and northern France would be far more thoroughly Teutonized than it is today.—Professor W. Z Ripley in Popular Science Monthly

### A Courting Episode.

A young couple, evidently from the country, were walking down Regent street one day, apparently looking for something very much in particular. At last they stopped before a large jeweller's window, in which were displayed a number of wedding rings. They stood by the window for a few moments, discussing some urgent question, the big, clumsy looking fellow, who measured about 6 feet, apparently hesitating.

"Go on, George," said the girl, who scarcely reached his elbow. "What's the use of backing out, now you've got so far?"

"I don't half like to, Mary," he replied. "That slick looking fellow in there is sure to grin at me."

"What difference does it make whether he laughs or cries?" exclaimed the girl. "If you haven't the pluck, I'll go myself."

"That's it, Mary," was the response. "If you'll do the asking, I'll come with you and look on."

Followed by her bashful lover, the little woman marched boldly in and chose the wedding ring, while her swain twirled his hat, blushed and looked on. As they left, the shopman gazed after them with a thoughtful air and remarked:

"I admire Mary's pluck, but I shouldn't care to be George ten years from now."—Pearson's Weekly.

### A Clever Trick.

It certainly looks like it, but there is really no trick about it. Anbody can try it who has Lame Back and Weak Kidneys, Malaria or nervous troubles. We mean he can cure himself right away by taking Electric Bitters. This medicine tones up the whole system, acts as a stimulant to the Liver and Kidneys, is a blood purifier and nerve tonic. It cures Constipation, Headache, Fainting Spells, Sleeplessness and Melancholy. It is purely vegetable, a mild laxative, and restores the system to its natural vigor. Try Electria Bitters and be convinced that they are a miracle worker. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50c a bottle at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †


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## HER LOVE.

If I might build a palce fair
With e[illegible] joy of soul and sense,
And set my heart as sentry there
To guard your happy innocence;
If I might plant a hedge too strong
For creeping sorrows to writhe through,
And find my whole life not too long
To give, to make your hedge for you.

If I could teach the laden air
To bear no sounds that were not sweet,
Could teach the earth that only fair,
Untrodden flowers deserve your feet,
Would I not tear the secret scroll
Where all your griefs lie closely curled,
And give you little hand control
Of all the joys of all the world?

But ah, I have no skill to raise
The palace, teach the hedge to grow;
The common airs blow through your days,
By common paths your dear feet go;
And you must twine, of common flowers,
The wreath that happy women wear,
And bear, in desolate darkened hours,
The common griefs that all men bear.

The pinions of my love I fold
Your little shoulders close about;
Ah! could not love keep out the cold,
Or shut the creeping sorrows out!
Rough paths will tire your darling feet,
Gray skies will weep your tears above'
While round you life, in torment beat,
The impotent wings of mother love!

*Pall Mall Gazette.*

## SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

— Truth is a rock large enough for all to stand upon.

— If some men were to lose their reputation they would be lucky.

— Simplicity of character is the natural result of profound thought.—*Hazlitt.*

— Open the doors of your mind to good thoughts and the evil ones will be driven out.

— Any pleasure which lasts forever will be found to rest upon conscience and duty.

— A drop of the oil of humility will save a man from a great deal of the smart of humiliation.

— Anger is the most impotent passion that occupies the mind of man. It effects nothing it goes about, and hurts the man who is possessed by it more than any other against whom it is directed.—*Clarendon.*

— A person of strong animal nature, who foams out religious phrases in a seeming ecstacy of inspiration, radiates an animal electricity into his audience, and nothing else, for the good reason that nothing else is in him.—*E. P. Whipple.*

— In 1855 the Methodist church gave thirteen cents per member for benevolent objects. In 1896 it was one dollar per member. And yet there are some who say that the church is retrograding in every respect.—*Greensboro Christian Advocate.*

— One mounts to eternal life now—not in some vague to-morrow, but to-day. Eternal life is a condition, not a period. Live in immortal energies, in noble purpose, in true lift of soul, and one lives at once, and here, the immortal life. His soul has already put on immortality.

## WITH A BARREL OF OYSTERS.

### How a Great Russian Banker Bought His Freedom From Serfdom.

One of the best known banking houses of St. Petersburg and the one to which most American visitors to Russia carry letters of credit is that of Messrs. Shalounine & Sons, the founder of which, father of the present head of the firm, owed his liberation from serfdom, 15 years before the decree of emancipation, to a barrel of oysters. Old Shalounine was a serf belonging to Count Sheremetieff, one of the wealthiest nobles in Russia. He had frequently entreated the count to grant him his freedom, offering him as much as $500,000 for the boon. But money was no object to the count, and it gratified his pride to feel that one of the leading bankers of the empire was one of his serfs, unable to marry either his sons or his daughters without his master's consent. Moreover, as serf, the banker was liable to have his money seized and confiscated any moment by the count, since everything that belonged to a serf, including his wife, children and property, belonged ipso facto to his master.

One day Shalounine, who had just that very morning returned to the capital from Odessa, called at the Sheremetieff palace for the purpose of reporting his arrival, as in duty bound to his owner. He had brought with him a barrel of delicious Crimean oysters for presentation to the count, but left them in his carriage at the palace door until he should have obtained his master's intimation that his gift was acceptable.

On entering the presence of the count the banker found him surrounded by a party of guests and engaged in berating his chief butler for neglecting to provide oysters for the breakfast to which they were about to sit down. The butler was explaining to the count that there were no oysters to be got in the capital at that moment for love or money. Catching sight of the serf banker the count exclaimed:

"Oh, it is thou again. Thou art come to pester me once more for thy liberation! Thou knowest that it is useless. I should not know what to do with thy money. But stay, I will tell thee something. Get me some oysters for my breakfast and thou shall have thy freedom!"

Shalounine bowed low, left the room, fetched the small barrel of oysters which he had left in his carriage at the door, and laid it at the feet of his master.

As soon as the barrel had been opened the count called for a pen and paper, wrote out a declaration emancipating both the banker and his family from serfdom, and then, bowing courteously to the man who but a moment before had been his slave, exclaimed, "And, now, my dear Mr. Shalounine—will you give us the pleasure of your company at breakfast?"—New York Tribune.

Often the elements that move and mold society are the results of the sister's counsel and the mother's prayer. —E. H. Chapin.


### The Greatest Discovery Yet.

W. M. Repine, editor Tiskilwa (Ill.) *Chief*, says: "We won't keep house without Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. Experimented with many others, but never got the true remedy until we used Dr. King's New Discovery. No other remedy can take its place in our home, as in it we have a certain and surec ure for Coughs, Colds, Whooping Cough, etc." It is idle to experiment with other remedies, even if they are urged on you as just as good as Dr. King's New Discovery. They are not as good, because this remedy has a record of cures, and besides is guaranteed. It never fails to satisfy. Trial bottles free at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

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## "DEAD" PEARLS HIS FAD.

### An Ohio Banker Who Has a Queer Collection of Fresh Water Gems.

Mr. J. H. Harris of Waynesville, O., a banker and collector of fresh water pearls and archaeological specimens, has lately acquired a large number of what he calls "dead" pearls. Mr. Harris has for many years been known as an expert in judging pearls, and nearly all the gems of any consequence that have been found in the Little Miami river have passed through his hands, he having paid from 25 cents to $425 for them as they came from the mussel shell.

His collection, varying in numbers and value, as he has at different times sold from and added to it, was for the first time exhibited to the general public at the Paris exhibition in 1873, where it attracted much attention. Two or three years ago it was believed that the pearl industry in the Little Miami had about died away, and it is probable such is really the case, yet the high waters of the present year have unearthed new mussel beds, and piles of freshly opened shells may be seen along the banks of the little stream. A few pearls of good quality have been found, and Mr. Harris, following his usual custom, has secured some of the best of these and placed them all immediately in a safety deposit vault in Cincinnati.

He often runs across curios that are outside of the regular line, and he has secured what could perhaps not be found in any other collection in this country. He has been prominently mentioned in nearly all the books on gems and the articles in newspapers and magazines on pearls that have been published in the last decade. Thus it was that a Scotchman, who has been nearly all over the world exploring rivers for whatever curiosities he might find and who is always anxious for new fields to look over, had his attention drawn to the Waynesville collection and visited him some months ago.

During a conversation between the two gentlemen it developed that the traveler had in his possession a quantity of what appeared to be pearls, but which were totally unlike anything heretofore classed with these valuables. Mr. Harris, ever on the alert for something new, immediately examined and gained possession of the entire lot, which he designated as "dead" pearls. They are identical, in his opinion, with those that were in an ancient catalogue made in 1749 by an Englishman, John Winthrop, F. R. S., classed as unripe pearls.

The real value of these dead pearls is very small, their worth lying only in their oddity and rarity. Many of them are of a dark brown or nearly dead black color, and they vary from those through the shades of lighter brown and very dull yellow, some of them having streaks and blotches of nearly pearly white. A very few of them have points that are almost brilliant, and these would make fairly good settings for studs or other ornaments. In shape they are most oddly at variance and difficult of description. One is a little larger than the short cross section of a common lead pencil and looks as if two small specimens of the pictured old fashioned beehive had been fastened together by their bases; another resembles a toy top and another a miniature walking stick. Some are cone shaped, some irregularly elongated, some banded by a raised section of a lighter hue, and some look as if they had been turned out by a lathe.—Cincinnati Tribune.

### Certificates of Death.

Who can tell how many persons are buried alive every year? How many cases of suspended animation are there on record, and how many horrors that are never known save by accident, when once in a while some grave is opened and discoveries are made that shock whole communities. There is not, up to date, any certain test for death, although there have been experiments and trials innumerable. After exhausting all of the resources of science, medical experts have arrived at the conclusion that the only certain test of death is the condition of the body. Until there are unmistakable signs of decay, death is by no means a foregone conclusion. The sense of smell is the very best possible guide in such matters. Even the eyes are not to be trusted, as there are cases on record where bodies have become almost black and yet life was not extinct.

In one instance burial was delayed by unavoidable circumstances until the friends became alarmed by the color which they mistook for mortification, and, fearing some outbreak of disease, they sent for disinfectants and sanitary experts. Before they arrived, however, there was a marked change in the appearance of the body. From a purplish hue like a bad bruise it gradually became lighter and assumed a lifelike color, and within a few hours there were evidences of returning animation. Although several physicians had been in attendance and the person was pronounced dead the result proved the unreliability of their decision.—New York Ledger.

### The Future Life.

I know not by what good fate my thoughts have been always fixed upon things to come more than upon things present. These I know by certain experience to be but trifles, and if there be nothing more considerable to come the whole being of man is nothing better than a trifle. But there is room enough before us in that we call eternity for great and noble scenes, and the mind of man feels itself lessened and straightened in this low and narrow state—wishes and waits to see something greater. And if it could discern another world a-coming, on this side eternal life—a beginning glory, the best that earth can bear—it would be a kind of immortality to enjoy that prospect beforehand, to see, when this theater is dissolved, where we shall act next and what parts, what saints and heroes, if I may say so, will appear on that stage and with what luster and excellency. How easy it would be, under a view of these futurities, to despise the little pomps and honors and the momentary pleasures of mortal life!—Lord Bacon.

### A Fine Specimen of the Genus.

In a certain Irish college the student at his oral examination has to give his answers from a pulpit before the board of examiners. Once a student, who had no mean opinion of his attainments, ascended the pulpit with a rather self satisfied and hopeful air. The examiner, determined to "lower" him a little, plied him with a series of stiff interrogations. Hardly a single correct answer was given, and when his time had expired the student descended and returned to his place crestfallen and humiliated.

"Now," said the victorious examiner, when he caught the eye of his victim again, "if you had gone up as you came down you'd have come down as you went up."—Westminster Gazette.


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It requires no very profound knowledge of English literature to ascertain that the pronunciation of the language has undergone a vast change during the last three centuries. The shrewd conjecture has, indeed, more than once been hazarded that the works of the Elizabethan dramatist would be unintelligible to a modern audience if the native and original pronunciation were adhered to, and certain, at all events, it is that in many well known passages of Shakespeare the very rhythm of the line imperatively demands a strange and unaccustomed accentuation of certain words. With the peculiarities of a later period most people are sufficiently acquainted. That gold was goold and that china was chaney during the Augustan era is matter of common knowledge. And who can forget Pope's description of Atticus:

Dreading even fools, by flatterers besieged,
And so obleeging that he ne'er obleeged?

The last mentioned mode, as well as the two others, lingered on well into the present century and was habitual with Lord John Russell, though they are all, probably, by this time as rare as Escobia for Russia and rarer than Spaw for Spa.—Chambers' Journal.

### A Humbugging Story.

The story of the plot to capture William Penn first appeared in the United States more than 25 years ago. It has been contradicted over and over again, but it still reappears periodically in the newspapers. It is nothing less than a miserable forgery, intended to deceive the public either for the purpose of putting its credulity to a test or of creating a prejudice against the early founders of New England. The name of Mr. Judkins is entirely unknown at this library. No such chest of old papers as is alleged to have been deposited in the archives of the society has ever been received and no such person as the one said to have made the deposit is known to the members. At the date of the document Cotton Mather was only 19 years old, which fact alone would be presumptive evidence that he was not connected with any such piratical scheme. Furthermore, I doubt whether the word "scampe" was in use at that period.—Notes and Queries.

### The Trail of Slang.

It is astonishing how the children pick up slang. No matter how select the neighborhood or how careful the parents the bywords of the street are sure to drop when least expected from infantile lips.

A day or two ago a 4-year-old daughter of east end parents was being escorted along East Prospect street by her doting papa, when they met a little boy of the same age escorted by his papa. Both papas are well acquainted, and they stopped to chat for a moment or two.

"Who is this little boy, Mabel?" asked the first papa.

"It's Edward," promptly answered Miss Mabel.

"And who is this with Edward?" continued the first papa as he pointed to the second.

"That's Edward's old man," said Miss Mabel.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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| Standard | | @ | 7¾ |
| WESTERN SMOKED— | | | |
| Hams ₰ lb | 12 | @ | 14 |
| Sides ₰ lb | 6 | @ | 7½ |
| Shoulders ₰ lb | 6 | @ | 7½ |
| DRY SALTED— | | | |
| Sides ₰ lb | 5 | @ | 5¼ |
| Shoulders ₰ lb | | @ | 5½ |
| BARRELS-Spirits Turpentine— | | | |
| Second-hand, each | 1 00 | @ | 1 10 |
| New New Mork, each | | @ | 1 30 |
| New City, each | | @ | 1 20 |
| BEESWAX ₰ lb | | @ | 22 |
| BRICKS— | | | |
| Wilmington ₰ M | 5 00 | @ | 7 00 |
| Northern | 9 00 | @ | 14 00 |
| BUTTER— | | | |
| North Carolina ₰ lb | 15 | @ | 18 |
| Northern | 18 | @ | 28 |
| CORN MEAL— | | | |
| Per bushel, in sacks | 44 | @ | 45 |
| Virginia Meal | 44 | @ | 45 |
| COTTON TIES—₰ bundle | | @ | 85 |
| CANDLES—₰ lb— | | | |
| Sperm | 18 | @ | 25 |
| Adamantine | 8 | @ | 10 |
| CHEESE—₰ lb | | | |
| Northern Factory | 10 | @ | 11 |
| Dairy, Cream | | @ | 11 |
| State | 10½ | @ | 12 |
| COFFEE—₰ lb— | | | |
| Laguyra | 20 | @ | 20 |
| Rio | 8 | @ | 10 |
| DOMESTICS— | | | |
| Sheeting, 4-4 ₰ yard | | @ | 5½ |
| Yarns, ₰ bunch | 18 | @ | 20 |
| EGGS—₰ dozen | 15 | @ | 16 |
| FISH— | | | |
| Mackerel, No. 1, ₰ barrel | 22 00 | @ | 30 00 |
| Mackerel, No. 1, ₰ half-bbl. | 11 00 | @ | 15 00 |
| Mackerel, No. 2, ₰ barrel | 16 00 | @ | 18 00 |
| Mackerel, No. 2 ₰ half-bbl. | 8 00 | @ | 9 00 |
| Mackerel, No. 3, ₰ barrel | 13 00 | @ | 14 00 |
| Mullets, ₰ barrel | 3 00 | @ | 3 50 |
| Mullets, ₰ pork barrel | | @ | 6 50 |
| N. C. Roe Herring, ₰ keg | 3 00 | @ | 3 25 |
| Dry Cod, ₰ lb | 5 | @ | 10 |
| " Extra | 4 35 | @ | 3 50 |
| FLOUR—₰ lb— | | | |
| Low grade | | @ | 3 75 |
| Choice | | @ | 4 75 |
| Straight | | @ | 5 00 |
| First Patent | 5 25 | @ | 6 00 |
| GLUE—₰ lb | 7½ | @ | 8½ |
| GRAIN—₰ bushel— | | | |
| Corn, from store, bgs—White | | @ | 45 |
| Car load, in bags—White | | @ | 44 |
| Oats, from store | 31½ | @ | 35 |
| Oats, Rust Proof | | @ | 40 |
| Cow Peas | | @ | 55 |
| HIDES—₰ lb— | | | |
| Green | | @ | 6 |
| Dry | | @ | 8 |
| HAY, ₰ 100 lbs— | | | |
| Clover Hay | 80 | @ | 85 |
| Rice Straw | | @ | 50 |
| Eastern | | @ | 90 |
| Western | | @ | 85 |
| North River | | @ | 75 |
| HOOP IRON, ₰ lb | 1¾ | @ | 2 |
| LARD, ₰ lb— | | | |
| Northern | 5½ | @ | 6 |
| North Carolina | 6 | @ | 10 |
| LIME, ₰ barrel | 1 15 | @ | 1 25 |
| LUMBER (city sawed) ₰ M ft— | | | |
| Ship Stuff, resawed | 18 00 | @ | 20 00 |
| Rough-edge Plank | 15 00 | @ | 16 00 |
| West India cargoes, according to quality | 13 00 | @ | 18 00 |
| Dressed Flooring, seasoned | 18 00 | @ | 22 00 |
| Scantling and Board, com'n | 14 00 | @ | 15 00 |
| MOLASSES, ₰ gallon— | | | |
| Barbadoes, in hogshead | | @ | 26 |
| Barbadoes in barrels | | @ | 28 |
| Porto Rico, in hogsheads | | @ | 27 |
| Porto Rico, in barrels | | @ | 28 |
| Sugar-House, in hogsheads | 12 | @ | 14 |
| Sugar-House, in barrels | 14 | @ | 15 |
| Syrup, in barrels | 12 | @ | 15 |
| NAILS, ₰ keg, Cut, 60d basis | | @ | 1 50 |
| PORK, ₰ barrel— | | | |
| City Mess | 9 25 | @ | 9 50 |
| Rump | | @ | 8 25 |
| Prime | | @ | 9 25 |
| ROPE, ₰ lb | 10 | @ | 22 |
| SALT, ₰ sack Alum | | @ | 1 10 |
| Liverpool | | @ | 60 |
| Lisbon | | @ | |
| American | 40 | @ | 60 |
| On 125 ₰ Sacks | | @ | 40 |
| SHINGLES, 7-inch, ₰ M | 5 00 | @ | 6 50 |
| Common | 1 60 | @ | 2 25 |
| Cypress Saps | 2 50 | @ | 3 50 |
| SUGAR, ₰ lb—Standard Gran'd | | @ | 5¾ |
| Standard A | | @ | 5½ |
| White Extra C | | @ | 5¼ |
| Extra C, Golden | | @ | 4¾ |
| C, Yellow | | @ | 4¾ |
| SOAP, ₰ lb—Northern | 3½ | @ | 4 |
| STAVES, ₰ M—W. O. barrel | 6 00 | @ | 14 00 |
| R. O. Hogshead | | @ | 10 00 |
| TIMBER, ₰ M feet—Shipping | | @ | 9 00 |
| Mill, Prime | | @ | 7 00 |
| Mill, Fair | 6 50 | @ | 6 50 |
| Common Mill | 4 00 | @ | 3 50 |
| Inferior to Ordinary | | @ | 3 00 |
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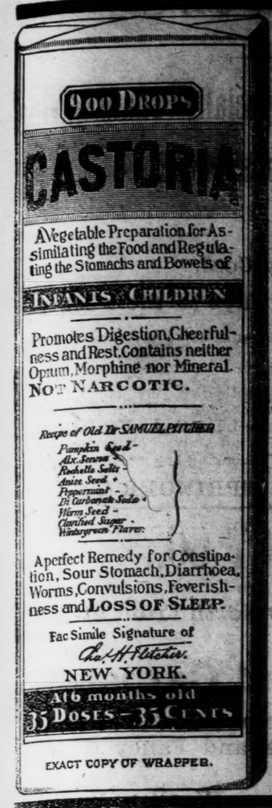

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When the term Tony had taken the apartments for was at an end, in July, he sold the greater part of his goods to pay the debts and went to live in the Rue des Lambes, getting as far away as he could from the old associations.

He heard no more of Clementine till New Year's eve.

On this day for several years he had had the habit of going with his wife to place a modest wreath on the tomb of little Felix, their firstborn. For the first time Tony had only his little Adrian to accompany him. Entering the gate of the cemetery under a dull winter sky, his thoughts more than ever reverted to his absent wife. "Where is she now?" thought he. "What has become of her?"

They had some trouble to find the little tomb, and on arriving before it he started, surprised, for there upon the stone lay three or four new toys, such as would be given to children—a trumpet, a punch, a dog and a whistle.

"Ah! Toys!" cried Adrian joyously, while his father hastily read the writing in a hand he knew so well on a small piece of paper pinned to one of them, "For Adrian, from his brother Felix." Then he felt his son press against him and heard him murmur in a frightened tone, "Mother!" And some space away, kneeling by a group of cypresses, he saw a woman, poorly dressed, with pale sunken eyes, who held out toward him her clasped and supplicating hands. Quivering in pity at the forlorn and miserable condition of the woman he had so fondly loved, he gently pushed his little son toward her, saying, "Adrian, go and kiss your mother."

Clementine seized her child in a wild embrace, kissed him twice, then rose and turned toward her husband with an imploring look.

"How good you are!" she murmured.

But he was already near her and answered in a dry and almost harsh manner.

"Don't speak. Give me your arm."

It was not far from the cemetery to the Rue des Lambes, which they quickly reached. Tony felt Clementine's arm tremble upon his. The child walked near them, his mind filled with his toys.

The concierge was standing at the door of Tony's lodgings.

"Madam," said he, "this is my wife, who has been in the country for some time, and who has now returned."

Mounting the staircase, he had almost to carry the unhappy Clementine, who was bursting with sobs and nearly fainting with emotion and joy.

Arrived in his poor chamber, Tony made his wife sit down on the only armchair, placed his son in her arms and then opened a drawer and took from it a small cardboard box. Drawing from it Clementine's wedding ring, he put it upon her finger, and without a bitter word for the past silently, gravely, with the large generosity of simple hearts, he kissed her upon the forehead, that she might be sure that he had pardoned her.

## PARDONED.

A NEW YEAR'S STORY FROM THE FRENCH BY FRANCOIS COPPEE.

Every one in the huge block of workmen's dwellings in the Rue des Lambes, where Tony Robeck had occupied a room for six months, believed him to be a widower, though it was not supposed he had been one very long, since his little boy, hardly 6 years old, with whom he lived alone, was always as well dressed as if he were cared for by a mother. However, neither father nor son wore crape on the hat or sleeve.

Early every morning Tony Robeck, who worked as a compositor in a printing establishment in the Latin quarter,

HELD OUT TOWARD HIM HER CLASPED AND SUPPLICATING HANDS.

used to set out with his little son, who was often so tired that he fell asleep upon his shoulder ere they reached the school in the neighborhood where Adrian was left for the day.

In the evening, when his day's work was finished, Tony would call for Adrian and then go shopping, leading the little fellow by the hand. The purchases necessary for their dinner would be carried in Tony's basket to his lodging, and he would be seen no more till the next day.

Tony Robeck was not yet 40 and still a good looking man.

Every Sunday father and son, clean as new pins, used to take a walk. They had been met at the museums and the zoological gardens, and they had been seen also before dinner time in a little cafe in the neighborhood, where Tony allowed himself his single debauch of the week—a glass of absinth, which he sipped, while Adrian, sitting beside him on the settee, would look at the pictures in the papers.

"No," the concierge used to say sentimentally to the neighbors, "the widower will not marry again. The other Sunday we met in a path in the Mont Parnasse cemetery. It is doubtless there that his wife is buried. It was painful to see him with his orphan son by his side. He must have adored his dead wife. He is inconsolable."

Alas, yes, Tony Robeck had dearly loved his wife and was inconsolable at having lost her, but he was not a widower. His was a sad and simple history.

Tony lost his heart to a little artificial flower maker of 19, good doubtless, but very frivolous, thinking of nothing but how to dress smartly on very little. Tony had some savings with which to start housekeeping comfortably, and he married his Clementine.

For a time all went well. How they loved one another! They had two rooms on the fifth floor in the Boulevard Port Royal, with a small balcony, from which there was a view of all Paris.

They were so comfortable at home that they rarely went out. A nice breakfast in the summer time, with the window open upon the town and the clear blue sky, and then, while Tony was lingering over his coffee and smoking a cigarette, Clementine would water the flowers in the boxes on the balcony, often being surprised by Tony with a kiss.

After a time they were blessed with a little one, but it lived only a year, dying at its nurse's at Maigenay. They were consoled, however, by the birth of Adrian, whom Clementine brought up herself, quitting the workroom in order to do this and taking in work at home. She earned only half as much as previously, but still she dressed as well and gayly as ever, playing the lady as far as possible when she went for a walk in the gardens of the Luxembourg with Adrian in his little wicker perambulator.

Gradually this costly finery was the means of leading them into embarrassment, and it was in vain that Tony worked like four men, on day and night shifts as well, to prevent their getting seriously into debt. The growing child was sent out to a day nursery, and the mother, often unoccupied at home, got into a state of ennui and dangerously idle habits.

One evening Tony, carrying his son, whom he had brought from the day nursery on his way home from his work, found upon the mantelpiece a letter, from which, when he opened it, fell Clementine's wedding ring. In the few lines she bade him and Adrian adieu and besought their pardon.

Tony was crushed by the blow. He felt more pain than anger at his loss and wept bitterly.


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At the close of Business Dec. 13th, 1897, Condensed from Report to Comptroller.

| RESOURCES. | | LIABILITIES. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Loans | $287,894 69 | Capital | $125,000 00 |
| Overdrafts | 66 33 | Surplus | 25,000 00 |
| U. S. 4 per cent. Bonds (at par) | 55,000 00 | Undivided profits | 20,404 01—75,404 01 |
| Banking House and Fixtures | 1,000 00 | Circulation | 49,800 00 |
| Due from other Banks | $219,826 97 | Total Deposits | 090,891 38 |
| Cash on hand | 68,304 00—287,692 97 | | |
| Total | $640,595 50 | Total | $640,595 50 |

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT:

| | Dec. 13, '95. | Dec. 13, '96. | Dec. 15, 97. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Surplus and Net Profits | $32,000 | $62,400 | $75,400 |
| Bills Payable and Re-discounts | NONE. | NONE. | NONE. |

Dividends paid—6 per cent. per annum.

Last Instalment of Capital paid in October, 1892. jan 1 tf


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December 23, 1897.

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This the 9th day of December, 1897.

ROBERT C. ORRELL, Commissioner.

A. J. MARSHALL, Attorney. de 19 30t



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Train 41—Leaves Portsmouth 9:30 A. M. arrives Weldon 11:41 A. M., Raleigh 3:30 P. M., Sanford 5:03 P. M., Hamlet 6:55 P. M., Rockingham 7:39 P. M., Wadesboro 8:11 P. M., Monroe 9:12 P. M., Charlotte 10:35 P. M., Athens 3:45 A. M., and Atlanta 6:20 A. M. Connection at Weldon with train from Richmond and all Northern points. Pullman sleeper, Portsmouth to Nashville, Tenn.

Train 402—Leaves Washington 4:10 P. M., Richmond 8:55 P. M., Portsmouth 8:45 P. M. Arrives Weldon 11:10 P. M., Raleigh 1:07 A. M., Sanford 3:39 A. M., Hamlet 5:10 A. M., Rockingham 5:29 A. M., Wadesboro 5:54 A. M., Monroe 6:43 A. M., Charlotte 7:50 A. M., Lincolnton 10:20 A. M., Shelby 11:13 A. M., Rutherfordton 12:30 noon, Athens 1:15 P. M., Atlanta 8:50 P. M. Connections at Atlanta for all points South and West. Pullman Sleeper, Washington to Atlanta, and Portsmouth to Chester.

Train 38—Leaves Hamlet 8:20 A. M. Arrives Laurinburg 8:46 A. M., Maxton 9:05 A. M., Pembroke 9:31 A. M., Lumberton 9:53 A. M., Wilmington 12:05 noon. Connects at Hamlet with trains from Washington, Portsmouth, Charlotte and Atlanta.

Train 402—Leaves Atlanta 1:00 P. M. Arrives Athens 3:16 P. M., Monroe 9:50 P. M. Leaves Rutherfordton 4:30 P. M., arrives Shelby 5:26 P. M., Lincolnton 6:50 P. M., Charlotte 8:15 P. M., Monroe 9:10 P. M., Wadesboro 10:31 P. M., Rockingham 11:05 P. M., Hamlet 11:20 P. M. Sanford 1:38 A. M., Raleigh 3:16 A. M., Weldon 4:50 A. M., Portsmouth 7:25 A. M., Richmond 8:18 A. M., Washington 12:31 noon. Pullman Sleepers, Atlanta to Washington and Chester to Portsmouth.

Train 18—Leaves Hamlet 7:15 P. M., arrives Gibson 8:10 P. M. Returning, leaves Gibson 7:00 A. M., arrives Hamlet 7:50 A. M.

Train 17—Leaves Hamlet 8:40 A. M., arrives Cheraw 10:00 A. M. Returning, leaves Cheraw 5:00 P. M., arrives Hamlet 6:20 P. M.

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**In Effect November 28th, 1897.**

| NORTH BOUND. | No. 2 DAILY. |
|---|---|
| Leave Wilmington | 9 00 A. M. |
| Arrive Fayetteville | 12 10 P. M. |
| Leave Fayetteville | 12 22 " |
| Leave Fayetteville Junction | 12 27 " |
| Leave Sanford | 1 48 " |
| Leave Climax | 3 47 " |
| Arrive Greensboro | 4 30 " |
| Leave Greensboro | 4 80 " |
| Leave Stokesdale | 5 17 " |
| Leave Walnut Cove | 5 17 " |
| Leave Rural Hall | 6 15 " |
| Arrive Mt. Airy | 7 45 " |

| SOUTH BOUND. | No. 1 DAILY. |
|---|---|
| Leave Mt. Airy | 8 40 A. M. |
| Leave Rural Hall | 10 04 " |
| Leave Walnut Cove | 10 33 " |
| Leave Stokesdale | 11 06 " |
| Arrive Greensboro | 11 55 " |
| Leave Greensboro | 12 15 P. M. |
| Leave Climax | 12 43 " |
| Leave Sanford | 1 36 " |
| Leave Fayetteville Junction | 3 56 " |
| Leave Fayetteville | 4 00 " |
| Arrive Wilmington | 7 30 " |

| NORTH BOUND. | No. 4 DAILY. |
|---|---|
| Leave Bennettsville | 8 00 A. M. |
| Arrive Maxton | 9 02 " |
| Leave Maxton | 9 07 " |
| Leave Red Springs | 9 35 " |
| Leave Hope Mills | 10 30 " |
| Arrive Fayetteville | 10 40 " |

| SOUTH BOUND. | No. 3 DAILY. |
|---|---|
| Leave Fayetteville | 4 50 P. M. |
| Leave Hope Mills | 5 07 " |
| Leave Red Springs | 5 45 " |
| Arrive Maxton | 6 11 " |
| Leave Maxton | 6 15 " |
| Arrive Bennettsville | 7 15 " |

| NORTH BOUND. | No. 6 Mixed Daily Ex. Sunday. |
|---|---|
| Leave Ramseur | 6 40 A. M. |
| Leave Climax | 8 25 " |
| Arrive Greensboro | 9 17 " |
| Leave Greensboro | 9 25 " |
| Leave Stokesdale | 11 07 " |
| Arrive Madison | 11 15 " |

| SOUTH BOUND. | No. 15 Mixed Daily Ex. Sunday. |
|---|---|
| Leave Madison | 12 35 P. M. |
| Leave Stokesdale | 1 35 " |
| Arrive Greensboro | 2 45 " |
| Leave Greensboro | 3 15 " |
| Leave Climax | 4 25 " |
| Arrive Ramseur | 6 10 " |

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At Fayetteville with the Atlantic Coast Line, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore Railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad at Greensboro with the Southern Railway Company, at Walnut Cove with the Norfolk and Western Railway.

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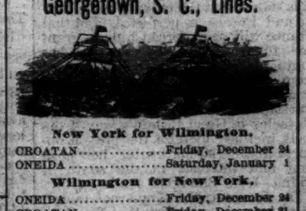

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**Schedule in Effect November 29, 1897.**

DEPARTURES FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND.

DAILY 9.35 A. M. — No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.08 A. M., Warsaw 11.15 A. M., Goldsboro 12.05 A. M., Wilson 12.30 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.40 P. M., Tarboro 2.45 P. M., Weldon 4.33 P. M., Petersburg 4.23 P. M., Richmond 7.15 P. M., Norfolk 6.05 P. M., Washington 11.50 P. M., Baltimore 1.06 A. M., Philadelphia 3.50 A. M., New York 6.53 A. M., *Boston 8.00 P. M.

DAILY 7.15 P. M. — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.55 P. M., Warsaw 9.10 P. M., Goldsboro 10.10 P. M., Wilson 11.06 P. M., *Tarboro 0.45 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.57 P. M., Weldon 1.43 A. M., *Norfolk 10.00 A. M., Petersburg 3.14 A. M., Richmond 4.00 A. M., Washington 7.41 A. M., Baltimore 9.03 A. M., Philadelphia 11.25 A. M., New York 2.08 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 2.40 P. M. — No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.21 P. M., Newbern 5.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 4.00 P. M. — No. 35—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 5.00 P. M., Chadbourn 5.41 P. M., Marion 6.43 P. M., Florence 7.25 P. M., Sumter 9.10 P. M., Columbia 10.30 P. M., Denmark 6.19 A. M., *Augusta 8.30 A. M., Macon 11.30 A. M., Atlanta 12.55 P. M., Charleston 10.55 P. M., Savannah 1.50 A. M., Jacksonville 7.50 A. M., St. Augustine 10.30 A. M., Tampa 8.35 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.50 P. M. — No. 49—Passenger—Leave *Boston 1.08 P. M., *New York 9.00 P. M., Philadelphia 12.05 A.M., Baltimore 2.50 A. M., Washington 4.30 A. M., Richmond 9.05 A. M., Petersburg 10.00 A. M., Norfolk 8.40 A. M., Weldon 11.59 A. M., Tarboro 12.12 P. M., Rocky Mount 12.47 P. M., Wilson 2.37 P. M., Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., Warsaw 4.11 P. M., Magnolia 4.34 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 9.30 A. M. — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 2.30 A. M., Philadelphia 12.09 P. M., Baltimore 3.25 P. M., Washington 5.40 P. M., Richmond 7.30 P. M., Petersburg 8.18 P. M., *Norfolk 9.30 P. M., Weldon 10.43 P. M., *Tarboro 0.01 P. M., Rocky Mount 0.45 A. M. Leave Wilson 6.32 A. M., Goldsboro 7.01 A. M., Warsaw 7.53 A. M., Magnolia 8.05 A. M.

DAILY except Sunday 11.59 A. M. — No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9.00 A. M., Jacksonville 10.18 A. M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.25 P. M. — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.10 A. M., Sanford 3.27 P. M., Jacksonville 7.40 P. M., Savannah 1.45 A. M., Charleston 6.33 A. M., Columbia 7.00 A. M., Atlanta 8.20 A. M., Macon 9.30 A. M., Augusta 3.05 P. M., Denmark 4.25 P. M., Sumter 8.25 A. M., Florence 10.05 A. M., Marion 10.44 A. M., Chadbourn 11.45 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12.15 P. M.

*Daily except Sunday.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.55 P. M., Halifax 4.30 P. M.; arrive Scotland Neck 5.30 P. M., Greenville 6.57 P. M., Kinston 7.35 P. M. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.50 A. M., Greenville 8.52 A. M.; arriving Halifax at 11.18 A. M., Weldon 11.55 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.30 A. M. and 2.30 P. M.; arrive Parmele 9.10 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.; returning leaves Parmele 9.35 A. M. and 4.30 P. M.; arrives Washington 11.00 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 P. M.; Sunday, 4.15 P. M.; arrives Plymouth 7.40 P. M. and 6.10 P. M. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7.50 A. M. and Sunday 9.00 A. M.; arrive Tarboro 10.05 A. M. and 11.00 A. M.

Train on Midland N. C. Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7.10 A. M.; arrive Smithfield, N. C., 8.30 A. M. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9.00 A. M.; arrive Goldsboro 10.35 A. M.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 P. M.; arrives Nashville 5.05 P. M.; Spring Hope 5.30 P. M. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 6.00 A. M., Nashville 6.35 A. M.; arrive Rocky Mount 9.40 A. M., daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton, Daily except Sunday, at 11.30 A. M. and 4.15 P. M. Returning leave Clinton at 7.00 A. M. and 3.00 P. M.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 10.17 A. M.; arrive Latta 10.55 A. M., Dillon 10.47 A. M., Rowland 11.02 A. M. Returning, leaves Rowland 6.01 P. M.; arrives Dillon 6.33 P. M., Latta 6.46 P. M., Pee Dee 7.05 P. M., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8.30 A. M., Chadbourn 11.50 A. M.; arrive Conway 2.10 P. M.; leave Conway 3.45 P. M., Chadbourn 5.45 P. M.; arrive Hub 6.35 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6.27 P. M., Manning 6.58 P. M.; arrive Lane's 7.36 P. M.; leave Lane's 8.38 A. M., Manning 9.06 A. M.; arrive Sumter 9.35 A. M. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 9.30 A. M., 7.58 P. M.; arrive Georgetown 12.00 M., 9.34 P. M.; leave Georgetown 7.00 A. M., 3 P. M. arrive Lane's 8.25 A. M., 5.35 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence daily except Sunday at 9.55 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.38 A. M., Cheraw 11.40 A. M., Wadesboro 2.25 P. M.; leave Florence daily except Sunday at 4.15 P. M.; arrive Darlington 5.40 P. M. Hartsville 6.35 P. M., Bennettsville 9.36 P. M., Gibson 10.00 P. M. Leave Florence Sunday only at 9.55 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.37 A. M., Hartsville 11.30 A. M.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday at 6.15 A. M., Bennettsville 6.41 A. M., arr

# The Morning Star.

## GREATER NEW YORK.

**Robert A. Van Wyck Formally Inducted Into Office As Mayor of the City.**

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, January 1.—New York to-day became the second city of the world, with Robert A. Van Wyck as its mayor. At the city hall a large crowd gathered early to witness the induction of the new mayor. Mayor Strong transacted a few last matters of routine. Nearly all the old members of Mayor Strong's cabinet dropped in to say good-bye. Floral pieces were strewn in every direction. A tiger, in yellow and black immortelles, resting in a bed of roses, was one of the most noticeable decorations.

At ten minutes to 12 o'clock Mr. Van Wyck entered the office. He was greeted by Mayors Strong, Gleason and Wurster. The four men chatted some time, and the big crowd of office-holders and ex-office-holders made a circle around them. About a minute before 12 o'clock Mayor Strong said: "Mr. Van Wyck, the people of this city, made up of five boroughs and 3,500,000 people, have decided that you should be the first mayor, and descend from your position as judge to assume the position of magistrate. My impression is that this old city in which you and I have lived for about the same number of years—this old city of New York that is passing away, will contribute $3,000,000,000 worth of property to the new city of which you will be mayor; $230,000,000 of banking stock and $1,000,000,000 of deposits. And you will take charge of this little borough along with the others, and you will always feel, I know, that it is the brightest little jewel in the cluster of five. You have been chosen to be mayor of one of the largest cities in the world. I congratulate you and welcome you as mayor of Greater New York."

Mayor Van Wyck in reply said: "The people have chosen me to be Mayor. I received the office from them and to them I will answer."

Then after a great shaking of hands the ceremony was completed, and the administration of Mayor Strong was a thing of the past.

## A GREAT DAY IN ROME.

**Sixtieth Anniversary of the Pope's Celebratisn of Mass—Many Rich Presents Received.**

By Cable to the Morning Star.

ROME, January 1.—The sixtieth anniversary of the Pope's celebration of mass was observed at the Vatican to-day. Fully three thousand delegates from Catholic societies and parochial committees were admitted to the sala della loggia of the Vatican at 8:30 o'clock this morning, and shortly after that hour his holiness was carried in on a sedia gestatoria, amid the acclamations of the spectators. hTe Pope officiated at his own diamond mass, the music being furnished by the choir of the Cistrine chapel. The venerable pontiff then attended a mass of thanksgiving, kneeling on a priedieu. At the conclusion of this mass his holiness, in a strong voice, pronounced the Papal benediction. He then took his seat on the throne and received delegations until 10:30 o'clock, when he was borne out on the sedia gestatoria amid the acclamations of those present.

His holiness had a most radiant face, and it was evident that he was enjoying excellent health. He received hundreds of rich presents. Emperor Francis Joseph, of Austria-Hungary sent him 50,000 florins in gold in a gold casket, and the Queen-Regent of Spain sent a massive gold and jewelled goblet. His gift from the United States was a diamond cross. President Faure sent six Sevres vases, and the present from the Sultan of Turkey was a superb diamond ring. Every country sent a large contribution to the Peter's Pence fund.

## SLIPPED AWAY TO CUBA.

**Another Expedition Leaves the Florida Keys, Notwithstanding Great Vigilance.**

TAMPA, FLA., Dec 31.—A. H. Geer, of this county, just returned from Cleveland, Fla., says that one of the largest Cuban expeditions which has ever left Florida shores, slipped out from the Keys at Cleveland last Thursday. Six wagon loads of munitions of war and about twenty men composed the expedition.

Three revenue cutters and the cruiser Montgomery have been in Charlotte harbor for two weeks suspecting that the expedition would leave from that place.

Spanish spies and government officers have searched several fishing smacks, and to-day are very much chagrined to find that the expedition succeeded in getting away. Cleveland is twent ymiles from Charlotte harbor.

## WM. J. BRYAN AND WIFE.

**A Reception Given in Their Honor at Austin, Texas.**

By Telegraph to The Morning Star.

AUSTIN, January 1.—Hon. W. J. Bryan and wife, accompanied by ex-Gov. Crittenden, of Missouri, arrived here last night, and to-day were tendered a reception at the home of ex-Gov. Hogg. About 2,500 people attended. Mr. Bryan authorized the statement by the Associated Press to-day that he would not make any statements of his Mexican trip until he reached Lincoln, when he would give the public his views in detail. He, however, expressed himself as delighted with the country and the people. Mr. Bryan and the members of his party will assist Gov. Culberson in his New Year's reception this evening, and leave to-night for Muskogee, Indian Territory. There Mr. Bryan will stop a day or two before going home.

## LACKS CONFIRMATION.

**Story of Dispossession of Americans From Chipperton Island.**

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—The story of the dispossession of a party of Americans from Clipperton island by a Mexican warship, as reported by an incoming steamer at San Francisco, as yet has had no official foundation. All that is known at the Mexican legation here is that vague rumors were afloat that the British had taken possession of the island and that with a view to asserting the sovereignty of Mexico over it a warship was sent there to maintain her claim. The Department of State has nothing at all on the subject, but is not disturbed over the news.

The mule spinners of Fall River, Mass., voted to accept the wage reduction, consequently there will be no strike in any mill there.

# IN THE FAR EAST.

## Conflicting Statements as to the Situation from Many Quarters.

## WATCHING EACH OTHER.

**Great Britain Biding Her Time and Will Act Promptly—Talk of Chino-Japanese Alliance Against European Nations.**

London Cable Letter.

LONDON, Jan 1.—The ingenuity displayed in manufacturing news from the Far East is remarkable. Five-sixths of the statements can safely be set down as "guess work." The British and Russian foreign offices are as dumb as oysters and the German stream of conflicting communications in the semi-official press shows they do not know on which foot they are standing. France is apparently in the dark while the Mikado has dissolved the Japanese Diet, in order that opinions should not be expressed. In the circumstances it is not strange that accurate information is difficult to secure. The known facts wholly corroborate the statements cabled to the Associated Press on Saturday last, that Great Britain is carefully watching the situation, biding her time, and will certainly not fail to act promptly and vigorously at the proper moment. It was pointed out in that dispatch that in well-informed circles the scare in the newspapers in regard to the Far East was at least premature, and that the members of the government were evidently sincere in disclaiming the least alarm.

This view of the case was practically reiterated by the *Daily Graphic* on Friday, which asserted that there was every reason to believe the Russians would adhere to their pledge to evacuate Port Arthur at the end of the Winter, and that therefore there were no grounds for complaint on the part of Great Britain. The *Daily Graphic* further pointed out that the British Government did not regard the occupation of Kiao Chou by the Germans as calling for action, because British interests were not threatened. Both the Foreign Office and the admiralty, according to the *Daily Graphic*, were agreed on this point. Evidently, apart from the question of the Chinese loan, the Korean question is more interesting for Great Britain at the present moment than the questions of Port Arthur and Kiao Chou, principally because the Marquis of Salisbury sees in the attempt to oust J. McLeavy Brown, the British superintendent of Korean customs, a more serious scheme to over-turn Sir Robert Hart, the British director of the Chinese imperial maritime customs which has apparently been nipped in the bud. The cabinet's existence would be short if it permitted Russia to coerce the Tsung-Li-Yamen (Chinese foreign office) into dismissing the British head of the Chinese customs.

It is not known yet whether the British Government will approve of the arrangement arrived at according to a cable dispatch from Pekin by which McLeavy Brown and M. Alexieff, the Russian agent in Korea, will work the Korean customs together. The British ministers appear to be somewhat distrustful, so the warships of Great Britain which are at present off Chemulpo, the port of Seoul, in order to give moral support to Mr. Brown, will remain there for the present.

It is by no means clear that the British interests are really threatened at the present moment, and she can probably well afford to await the spring, when if, unless the normal conditions are resumed, Great Britain will undoubtedly take steps necessary to protect her interests and re-establish the balance of power.

The *Spectator* publishes an interesting article on Japan's policy, in which the writer regards Marquis Ito's return to power and Japan's offer to assist the officers at Pekin in drilling the Chinese army, and her proposal to consent to a postponement of the payment of the war indemnity, as possibly foreshadowing a Chinese-Japanese alliance. The writer adds that he is convinced that Marquis Ito thinks that the securing perpetual control of the resources of trade and soldiers of China are within his power, and, if Japan's offer is accepted, Europe, according to the writer, will be beaten, "for she has not the means to make the effort necessary to conquer the United Yellow People."

The financial barometer does not show any decided trepidation. Consols are improving. There is not the slightest sign of the selling which always marks real clouds on the political horizon and there are signs of reaction in the long-continued depreciation in land. Farms are selling and renting more freely and at higher prices. The improvement is attributed partiy to the rise in the price of wheat, and partly to the cheapness of money. Capitalists are glad even of the beggarly interest yielded by land investments.

The correspondent of the Associated Press learns that Germany, in the spring, will commence improving the harbor of Kiao-Chou, and will construct docks and wharves and strengthen the forts materially. Krupp ordnance of large calibre has been ordered, and during the winter a large quantity of military supplies will be sent to China. Some of the best artillery and engineer officers have volunteered to go to Kiao-Chou.

In official circles it is not believed that Great Britain or any other Power will interfere with Germany's plans. It is stated that the *entente* with Russia and France is perfected, and that France will soon force China to grant her further compensations on her southern frontier. It is also learned from an excellent source that there is no intention on the part of either Russia, Germany or France to place obstacles in Great Britain's way if she feels inclined to seize the present opportunity of strengthening her position and interests in the south of China—from Shanghai south.

Dr. Jameson, the Transvaal raider, in an interview, predicts that Mr. Cecil Rhodes will be premier of Cape Colony in 1898.

The Paris police, during the course of the week, secured another of the organized gang of murderers and robbers which have terrorized the suburbs of the French capital for months past. The new arrests number thirty-three and the oldest prisoner is only 21 years of age. Within three months the bodies of fifty-three murdered persons have been found in a small section of the river Seine, and it is believed most of the murders are traceable to this gang. There have been innumerable murderous attacks and robberies in the streets and the police are satisfied that all of the gangs, a number of which have been arrested within the past six months, acted in concert under a central administration. Visits made by the police to the abode of the persons arrested have resulted in the discovery of arsenals of revolvers, daggers, bludgeons, knuckle-dusters, hammers affixed to bamboo canes and leaden balls attached to wires.

The annual wild scene of debauchery welcomed the new year in London. As usual, the precincts of St. Paul's Cathedral were the centre of attraction. About 25,000 people assembled there. The majority of those present were composed of West End dudes, demi-mondaines and jail birds, mostly in a drunken condition. There was a scene of the wildest orgie and licentiousness, swearing, etc., ugly rushes were frequent, and the thieves reaped a rich harvest. The police were unable to cope with the mob.

There is some reason to believe that France and Great Britain have about reached an agreement on the subject of West Africa, by which the Lagos Hinterland will be defined by prolonging it northward to the Niger, the present Lagos-Dahomey frontier. France would thus secure Sayz and about 100 kilometres on the right bank of the river, and Great Britain would have Boussa and Nikki restored to her and be confirmed in the possession of other claimed points.

A magnificent fortune was left by Princess Hohenlohe to her husband. Her enormous Russian estates alone reach 8,800 square miles, and exceed in size several Prussian provinces. The estate is estimated to aggregate £25,000,000 sterling ($125,000,000).

The first big shipment of about a hundred American horses, mainly for riding and carriage use, arrived during the course of the week, and were sold within twenty-four hours.

The export of ladies' dress goods and dresses to the United States almost entirely ceased during the past quarter, the Dingley tariff making competition impossible. Only models and samples have been sent.

PEKIN, Jan. 1.—The German missionaries at Tsac-Chow, Province of Shan-Tun having reported to Baron Heyking, the German Ambassador at Pekin that the commandant of the Chinese garrison of the town had used threatenings to or of them, Baron Heyking at once demanded that the commandant be at once dismissed and that a copy of the Saung Id Yamens telegram of dismissal be presented to him by 6 o'clock Thursday. The government is alarmed.

## BISMARCK'S CONDITION.

**Reports of His Death Declared Unfounded by a Hamburg Telegram.**

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, January 1.—The *Evening News* prints a dispatch from its own correspondent at Berlin saying: "The one remark on the lips of everybody is, 'Bismarck is dead.' Although expected for months, the event has caused a great shock. It is the sole topic of conversation in the hotels and cafes."

The last report received by the Associated Press regarding the health of Prince Bismarck was contained in a dispatch from Berlin, dated December 29th. It read as follows:

"It is assersted that, owing to his insomnia, the medical attendants of Prince Bismarck have advised him to abstain from all work and excitement for some weeks to come. Dr. Schwenginger believes in the possibility of a cure, but not a rapid one."

A dispatch from Berlin December 27th said: "The *Hamburger Nachrichten* denies that Prince Bismarck's gout is better and says he cannot walk or sleep, and is unable to read or answer his friends' letters. The former Chancellor is described as being very irate at the statement that his health is satisfactory, and is quoted as saying: 'If the gentleman who wrote that were in my place he would be able to get an idea of what a satisfactory condition is.'"

HAMBURG, January 1.—The report that Prince Bismarck died to-day is unfounded.

LONDON, January 2.—The usual quiet of New Year's day was disturbed yesterday after noon by a report that Prince Bismarck was dead. This rumor, so emphatically made by the *Evening News* and shouted throughout London by the newsboys, created a deep sensation in the minds of the general public and great excitement in newspaper circles until a denial was received by the Reuter Telegram Company. Most Londoners, however, went to bed last night in the belief that Prince Bismarck was dead, as the dispatch to the Reuter Company from Hamburg was only published in this morning's newpapers. Inquiries made in London bore out the denial. A denial has also been received here from Berlin. The feeling is one of profound reticence.

The actual source of the report is not known, but the rumor was readily credited in view of the fact that the ex-Chancellor's health for the past fortnight has been distinctly worse than before, though it was not thought that his life was in positive danger. Inquiries made both by telegraph and telephone have elicited the reassuring statement that the Prince is alive and that there is no reason to believe that his condition is any worse to-day than it has been of late. A Hamburg dispatch says the rumor of Bismarck's death originated in Berlin and was received in Hamburg with scepticism, which inquiry at Friedrichsruhe proved to be justified. There is no doubt, however, that Prince Bismarck's health has been rudely shaken in the last few days, owing to his insomnia which is due to want of open air exercise and the ageny which he suffers from the gout. Dr. Schweniger has ordered Prince Bismarck to abstain from all mental exertion.

## COTTON FOR THE ORIENT.

**Large Quantities Awaiting Shipment at San Francisco for China and Japan.**

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., January 1.—The industrial activity of Japan is illustrated by the demand for steamer space on the ships of the Pacific Mail and O. & O. steamship companies. There i now so much cotton from Texas in San Francisco awaiting shipment for the Orient that heavy shipments of flour destined for same market cannot find steamer space. The quantity of cotton at present in the warehouses and in cars on this side and across the bay amounts to 14,000 bales.

R. H. Schwarin, vice president and general manager of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, says it is a fact that flour shipments have been delayed by reason of the demand for space to carry cotton, but he fancies that the delay is only temporary. His recent visit to the Orient and the observations he made there, convinced him that Shanghai was taking the lead in the manufacture of cotton goods.

General Weyler yesterday afternoon called at palace in Madrid in order to personally apologise to the Queen-Regent and exculpate himself.


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# OHIO SENATORSHIP.

## A Strong Probability That Mark Hanna Will Be Defeated.

## THE RESULT OF CAUCUSES.

**Opinion Prevails That Hanna Will Be Short Four Votes the Day of Election Unless Changes Are Made in the Meantime.**

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, January 1.—The caucuses for the nomination of officers of the Legislature which convenes next Monday were held to-night. Usually these caucuses are of State interest only. To-night the re-election of Senator Hanna was directly involved and indirectly lent open and aggressive Republican opposition in Ohio to President McKinley and his appointments. The result of the caucuses showed that the nominees of the Hanna slate are short three votes of election in the House and one vote in the Senate. The opinion prevails that Hanna will be short four votes of election on the joint ballot Wednesday, January 12th, unless changes are made in the meantime. At the joint Republican caucus next Wednesday night Senator Hanna will have no opposition, but it is stated now that there are enough Republican members who will not enter the caucus to prevent his election.

The Legislature stands 75 Republicans, 65 Democrats and five Fusionists. Including the Fusionists there are 62 Republicans and 47 Democrats in the House, a total of 199, with 55 necessary to elect. There were only 52 present at the House Republican caucus to-night. There were ten absentees to-night. Three were reported sick and the others reported as in the fusion with the Democratic members to beat what is called the Hanna slate next Monday and one week from next Wednesday to defeat Senator Hanna for re-election. The opposition to-night claim that they will have enough votes Monday to organize the House with 53 votes for the Mason ticket, 52 for the Boxwell ticket, and two absent on account of sickness. The Hanna men claim that Griffith of Clinton, Griffith of Union, and Manuel, of Montgomery, who are sick, will vote for Boxwell Monday and elect him. The members from Clinton and Union are, however, reported to-night as so sick that they will be unable to be in their seats Monday.

While both sides claim the organization of the House, the opposition to Senator Hanna and the Boxwell ticket is most demonstrative. The Hanna managers claim that the Senator will succeed, even if the Boxwell ticket is defeated; but the opposition would then have the formation of all the committees, and with the chairmanships and other patronage at their disposal it is believed that Senator Hanna will not stand equal chances if his opponents get the organization on Monday.

Representative Mason, the opposition candidate for Speaker, comes from Hanna's home. Mason is bitterly opposed to Hanna for Senator, and is the friend of Mayor McKisson. Mason is for McKisson for the short term and Governor Bushnell for the long term for Senator, and he is running for Speaker on the issue of anybody for Senator to beat Hanna.

Governor Bushnell and the entire State administration took an active part in the caucuses to-night against Senator Hanna, joining the Democratic members and those Republican members who remained away from the caucus.

It is now conceded that the Democrats will organize the Senate, which stands 18 Democrats, 17 Republicans and one Fusionist. The attitude of Senator Burke will not likely leave the tie-vote to be cast by Lieutenant Governor Jones.

The Democratic steering committees claimed at midnight that they had all of their steering partisans except one in line for the fusion tickets and for any on to beate Hanna, and that they would show a solid front on Monday.

After the anti-Hanna Republicans caucussed separately, they met jointly before midnight and nominated Mayor McKisson, of Cleveland, for the short term, and Governor Bushnell, for the long term of Senator, and entered into a fusion agreement to organize both houses. Senator Burk was notified to remain away till the Senate was organized. The fusion conference adjourned after midnight till 2 p. m., tomorrow when the steering committees report.

## ADVICES FROM HAVANA.

**Embargo Upon Exportation of Tobacco Raised.**

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, January 1.—The *Official Gazette* publishes an edict of Captain General Blanco raising the embargo upon the exportation of tobacco. The decree provides for the payment of a duty of twelve dollars in gold per one hundred kilos on tobacco of all grades, except Santiago de Cuba tobacco, which continues to pay the ruling tariff. All export duty on manufactured tobacco, cigars and cigarettes is abolished, including the fifty-cent stamo duty. On cut tobacco the duty remains as at present, plus ten-cent stamp duty per kilo. The importation of tobacco from Puerto Rico and other places is prohibited.

Valentin Frau, cashier of a celebrated cigar manufacturing firm, has disappeared and it is said that his accounts are $50,000 short. It is reported also that he leaves several debts.

Albert Eardmann, a partner in the firm of Nehaud, Neumann & Co., committed suicide to-day.

## GEN. RUIZ RIVERA.

**The Wounded Insurgent Leader Conducted in Chains to a Spanish Fortress.**

By Cable to the Morning Star.

BARCELONA, January 1.—General Ruis Rivera, the insurgent leader who was captured, badly wounded, in the province of Pinar del Rio, by the Spanish troops under General Velasco, on March 29th, 1897, and who was condemned to death and his sentence modified, has arrived here and was conducted on foot and in chairs to Montjuich fortress between lines of soldiers and mounted gendarmes. General Rivera was calm, but he protested against being chained. No one was allowed to speak to him. There was a big crowd of people in the vicinity, but there were no demonstrations.


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## MABRY CAPTURED.

**The Southern Express Agent Who Embezzled More Than Fifteen Thousand Dollars.**

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SAVANNAH, GA., December 1.—F. H. Mabry, agent of the Southern Express Company at Brunswick, Ga., who embezzled more than $15,000 from that agency last Wednesday and escaped, was captured to-day about four miles out of Savannah. Mabry was searched and $15,070.73 was found on him. The money was taken charge of by the commissioner. Mabry said he had spent only $1.25. He came through the woods from Brunswick to Savannah, walking all the way, about a hundred miles, being afraid to take any of the trains as he was well-known.

Mabry said his office had been short some time, and that knowing he was about to be discovered this large amount of money was too great a temptation for him, so he took it and skipped. He will be taken to Brunswick to-morrow.

## NEW ENGLAND MILLS.

**Operatives Decide to Accept Reduction of Wages to Go Into Effect This Week.**

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., January 1.—The Centreville cotton mill, at Centreville, will reduce wages on January 24th. The reduction will probably be the same in amount as at the other mills in the vicinity. The mill operates seven hundred looms, thirty thousand spindles and employs about 350 hands. The mill is principally engaged in the manufacture of cloth for window shades and other special purposes.

MANCHESTER, N. H., January 1.—The Amoskeag, Stark and Armory cotton manufacturing corporations will put the notices of a ten per cent. cut, which were posted about two weeks ago, into effect on Monday. The 12,000 operatives employed by the three corporations have decided to accept the reduction, and there will be no strike in this city.

## THE KLONDIKE SUFFERERS.

**Lieut. Preston, U. S. A., in Charge of Pack Trains.**

Telegram to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, January 1.—The War Department has placed Lieut. Guy H. Preston, Ninth cavalry, in charge of the army pack trains that are to undertake to get supplies into the Klondike region. Lieut. Preston has been in Washington for some time. The principal assistant will be Lieut. Ryan, Sixteenth cavalry, who gathered up the pack trains at Forts Washakie and Robison. The animals already at Vancouver under organization are to be reinforced by about seventy-five more all selected mules from the Rocky Mountain country and used to extreme rigors of climates. It has been definitely decided not to burden the expedition with wagons.

## WHITE HOUSE CLOSED.

**The President Spent New Year's Day in Retirement.**

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—The White House was closed to-day for the first time upon the New Year Day for many years. The President and Mrs. McKinley went out for a drive in the forenoon and then spent the remainder of the day in retirement. Vice President Hobart and members of the Cabinet omitted their reception as a mark of sympathy for the President and the example being generally followe, dto-day was very quiet in Washington.

## STEAMER DISABLED.

**The Steamer Corinthia from Wilmington, N. C., for Ghent, Belgium.**

By Telegraph to The Morning Star.

ST. MICHAELS, AZORES, January 1.—The British steamer Glenarmhead, Captain Thompson, from Penarth, December 21st, for New Orleans, passed here to-day and reported that the British steamer Corinthia, Captain Roberts, which sailed from Wilmington, N. C., December 4th, for Ghent, Belgium, had her machinery broken down and is unable to repair. She had left her in latitude 40, longitude 25, on account of the weather, after having had her in tow.

## EXCITEMENT AT CAIRO.

**Dervishes Preparing for a Northward Movement.**

By Cable to the Morning Star.

CAIRO, January 1.—The ordering of troops to the front was occasioned by reliable news from Omduran (the Khalifa's great camp near Khartoum) to the effect that the Dervishes are preparing a northward movement. Though the movement has not yet actually begun, the greatest excitement prevails here.

## WARM WIRELETS.

Professor Alexander Melville Bell, the Scotch scientist, and father of A. Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone, and Mrs. H. G. Shipley of Toronto, were married at the Park Avenue Hotel, New York yesterday.

By mutual consent of counsel on both sides, the beginning of the court martial at Savannah, in the case of Capt. O. M. Carter, U. S. A. Engineer Corps, has been postponed from January 5th to January 12th, in order to allow further opportunity for the preparation of evidence.

The Red Cross has arranged to open headquarters in New York for the reception and forwarding to Havana of contributions for the benefit of the suffering Cubans. Miss Barton will be in charge and she may find it necessary to go to Havana to arrange for co-operation with Consul General Lee.


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"Thanks. I guess I can attend to the rest of the affair myself, sir."

Danforth only smiled. The same night at 10 o'clock there was a ring at his door. He threw on enough clothes to make himself presentable and hurried down. At the door he found the young man who had called for the license.

"What kind of a confounded blunder did you make?" he demanded. "I asked for a license and got this," and he waved the treasurer's receipt for $2.

"That is only the receipt for your money. If you had brought that back to me, I would have issued the license," said Danforth.

"Why didn't you say so?"

"I tried to, but you knew it all and wouldn't let me."

"Well, I want a license. The guests are all at the house waiting, and the minister won't marry us till I get a license."

"All right. Let them wait. Come to the city hall tomorrow during office hours and I'll issue a license. Good night!" and the young man who knew all about it was shut out in the cold night.—San Francisco Post.

**A Family Reunion.**

As the eminent after dinner orator sat down, the thin young man with the nose glasses arose and said:

"Delightful as this occasion is to all of us, to me it is fraught with a higher, holier joy than comes to the rest of you. I have just made the discovery that the eminent speaker is my great-grandfather."

They scanned him critically, but he presented no evidence of being overcome by potations. He continued:

"The incident the gentleman has just told as happening in his own experience is one which I have often heard my grandfather relate as an experience of his father. Knowing, as I do, the perfect veracity of both the eminent speaker and my grandfather, the statement I have just made I make with full confidence in its correctness."

And all were silent.—Indianapolis Journal.

**The "Tree of Life."**

The Guarauncs are to be found all over the delta of the Orinoco. They eat little and wear less. Many authorities claim that they subsist on the moriobe palm tree alone. Whether this be true or not, the tree in question is without doubt an indispensable factor in the problem of life. Not only does it furnish a safe elevation for a home, but gives a nutritious sago, or meal, from which bread is made, a tree 15 years old yielding 600 pounds of this meal. In addition, the juice furnishes a kind of wine, and out of the fiber are made cord, rope, hammocks and a rude species of cloth. This tree, owing to the many and various purposes it serves, was called by the early missionaries the "tree of life."—W. Nephew King in Century.

The Buddhist monastery of Halne, in Tibet, is the loftiest inhabited point in the world. It is 17,000 feet above sea level.

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